

# PATROL NEWS

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"Over 80 YEARS OF SERVICE & PROTECTION"



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# From the Staff ...

**Major J. Bret Johnson**  
**Field Operations Bureau**



Statistics indicate that Missouri's traffic crash fatality total for 2011 now stands at 782\*. Thus, it appears we've attained our goal of fewer than 800 fatalities, and another record reduction year celebrated. We celebrate the unknown lives saved, and we mourn and ponder into the new year how we could have saved those lives that were lost on our roadways.

Traffic deaths in Missouri during 2011 were the lowest since the 1940s. There are a number of factors that played into this historic decrease. Undoubtedly, the Patrol's dedication and focus on eradicating impaired drivers, increasing awareness on the dangers of distracted driving, having an overall increase in visibility evidenced by the 20-Mile Trooper operations during peak travel days, along with medical and on-scene management played a large role in another reduction in fatalities and serious injury crashes. It takes a multi-faceted operational approach to achieve the positive results we've experienced.

Likewise, it takes a team approach from our people to make the plan work. The employees of the Missouri State Highway Patrol can be proud of their efforts and take pride in the results. Regardless of what you do for our agency, it takes a team effort to achieve this kind of success. Stand assured, Colonel [Ronald] Replogle and the entire command staff genuinely appreciate all your efforts and dedication to our mission.

I would ask that as we begin the challenges of 2012, we reflect on who we ultimately work for. The Missouri State Highway Patrol sets the bar exceedingly high for our performance. The public has come to expect that when they need help, they can call the Patrol and receive courteous, professional service. Our tradition of excellence, which is steeped in 80 years of "doing it right", continues to be the standard we set for ourselves and what the public expects. This was also evident in our unprecedented response to numerous state disasters in 2011.

With the new year comes new challenges, new hope, and the opportunity for new successes. The continued vigilant efforts to reduce traffic deaths will always be our number one priority. Continued strict enforcement of DWI laws, criminal interdiction, seat belt enforcement, and attention to distracted driving violations will further our goal of a continued reduction in traffic fatalities in the coming year.

The colonel and staff wish all our employees a safe and productive 2012.

*\*As of February 29, 2012.*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bret Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.



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*For the sixth year in a row, Missouri experienced a decrease in traffic fatalities. Currently, the 2011 traffic crash fatality total stands at 782. This is the lowest number of fatalities since the 1940s.*

## Cover

*The new troopers repeat their Oath Of Office.*

# Tpr. Fred Guthrie: Gone But Never Forgotten

**By Sgt. Collin M. Stosberg, Troop A**

On Wednesday, December 14, 2011, hundreds mourned and laughed as they remembered a big-hearted man taken much too soon. That day, a memorial service honored Trooper Frederick F. Guthrie Jr., and his K-9 Reed, Troop A, who were killed in the line of duty on August 1, 2011, while on flood duty in Holt County, Missouri.

His wife, Teresa, wrote a letter that was read during the service. "We know even though you can't be here you're watching over us," Teresa wrote. "We have our angel watching us."

A high school classmate of Guthrie's spoke about how a group of them gathered the night before to share stories about their friend. "Freddie was the best among us. While we can rest in the knowledge that Freddie has gone to a better place, it is no less difficult for those of us left here," said former classmate Steve Harris. Guthrie's contagious "hee-hee" laugh was remembered.

Captain Bill Cox, retired, shared memories of his working relationship and the true friendship he had with Tpr. Guthrie.

Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon talked to those in attendance about the man he had met when Tpr. Guthrie worked as



*Members of Troop A's Honor Guard, Sgt. Barry A. Kumpf (l) and Sgt. Erik L. Hurst (r), guard the casket.*

a member of the Missouri State Water Patrol. "Today we learned the pain of losing a hero. We share that pain, but also take inspiration in the life he lived. We are also lifted up by Tpr. Guthrie's acts of courage," said Gov. Nixon. "When the hour is dark and the water is high, and the need is great and the call goes out, the spirit of Tpr. Guthrie will be there, strong in those who rise to the challenge." Gov. Nixon said the entire state is grateful for Tpr. Guthrie's service. "The selfless courage he showed

every day of his long law enforcement career made his family and all of us, all six million Missourians, very, very proud of him," the governor said.

Tpr. Guthrie is survived by his wife and three children. He served 17 years combined with the Highway Patrol and the Water Patrol. He is the 30th member of the Patrol to be killed in the line of duty.



*Motorcycle officers from several agencies led the 80-mile procession from the church to the cemetery.*



*Tpr. Guthrie's high school classmate, Steve Harris, sang, "Peace In The Midst Of The Storm" during the memorial service.*





*Patrol K-9 teams stood along the entrance to the Knob Noster Cemetery.*



*Officers stand at parade rest during the graveside service.*

## Thank You, Red Cross!

**By Troop H**

*Lt. Scott E. Meyer, Troop H, presented Ms. Karla Long, the emergency services director of the American Red Cross in St. Joseph, with monies collected from Troop H employees. The money was given in appreciation of the tireless daily effort by the Red Cross to provide hot meals each day during the search for Trooper Frederick F. "Fred" Guthrie Jr. to the men, women, and Guthrie family members at the scene. Their commitment to helping disaster victims all over America is commendable. Troop H decided to give back to the Red Cross this Christmas, and say thank you for what they did during a time of need.*



## Tpr. Guthrie's Body Located

Colonel Ronald K. Replogle, superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, announces the recovery of the body of Trooper Frederick F. "Fred" Guthrie Jr. On Thursday, January 12, 2012, at approximately 2:00 p.m. the body of Tpr. Guthrie was located in a brush pile south of where K-9 Reed was recovered near the original search site.

"The recovery of Tpr. Guthrie's body will give closure and comfort to the family, community, and members of the Patrol," said Col. Replogle. "I would also like to thank everyone who helped or volunteered during the search efforts."

A Missouri Department of Transportation contractor, Hill Brothers Construction, Inc., recently began work to fill the scour hole on Missouri Highway 111. The Highway Patrol has had troopers at the construction site watching for any signs of Tpr. Guthrie's remains as the work proceeded. The discovery of the remains was made as work took place January 12, 2012.

Family and friends held a private graveside service on Saturday, January 21, 2012.

He is survived by his wife, Teresa, daughter, Amber, and sons, Dylan and Cody. Trooper Frederick F. "Fred" Guthrie Jr. is the 30th member of the Missouri State Highway Patrol to make the ultimate sacrifice.

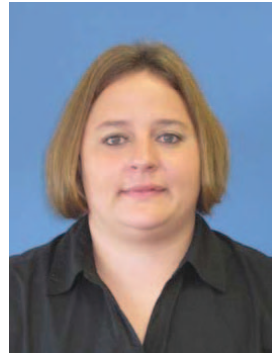
# New Employees



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Prob. Comm. Oper.  
Troop F



April A. LaChance  
Prob. Comm. Oper.  
Troop C



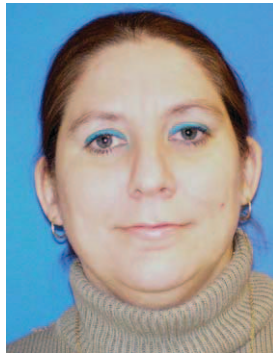
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Troop E



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# New Employees



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CITS II  
Q/ICTD



Angela R. Robinson  
Crim. Intel. Analyst I  
Q/MIAC



Dawn M. Wilde  
Crim. Intel. Analyst II  
Q/DDCC

## SWAT Van Honors Tpr. Tatoian

*By Sgt. Al P. Nothum, Troop C*

The cold and icy weather outside Troop C Headquarters in St. Louis on December 6, 2011, didn't stop some very warm feelings from blossoming inside. That's when Troop C welcomed Mrs. Debra Tatoian and her family to take part in the dedication of the new SWAT van.

Trooper Ralph C. Tatoian, whose badge number was 1140, was killed in a patrol car crash on April 20, 2005, when he was responding to a SWAT call-out in Franklin County. Ralph was survived by his wife Debra, two sons, Ralph and Max, and his daughter, Samantha.

The van was issued new plates bearing "1140-HP".

"We all miss Ralph's smile and friendly demeanor. This is the most fitting way to have Ralph always connected to SWAT," Captain Ronald S. Johnson, Troop C, said addressing those who gathered at the ceremony.

Folks at the event had a chance to get their picture taken in front of the new van, and to visit with Debra and her family.

Debra said, "It was so nice to see everyone and visit with friends and Ralph's co-workers. It was just like a big family reunion!"

*The Tatoian family—Samantha, Max, Ralph, and Debra—gather near Troop C's new SWAT van bearing the badge number of their dad and husband, Tpr. Ralph Tatoian.*



# Northwestern SPSC Graduates 24

*By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED*

The Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy served as host for the 317th Northwestern School of Police Staff and Command. The class began July 18 and ended November 18, using a format of two-week sessions with a two-week break between each session. Class 317 included 12 members of the Patrol, and 12 law enforcement officers representing seven additional agencies.

This intensive 10-week program prepares law enforcement managers for senior positions by uniquely combining academic principles with practical applications. Students tackle a research project directly from a timely and critical issue facing their specific agency. Course content includes topics in the areas of understanding management, law enforcement management and its environment, human resources administration, and skills for planning and analysis.

In addition to the training, the class was challenged to provide a "legacy gift". The group decided to hold a raffle with proceeds benefitting two Patrol families: the family of Sgt. Brian L. Shelton, who lost his battle with a terminal illness on September 16, 2011, and Lindsay Ripley, daughter of

Lt. James P. Ripley, Troop A, who has been diagnosed with a rare medical condition. Their hard work resulted in \$4,000 gifts to each family.

"I congratulate each of the 24 members of Class 317. The School of Police Staff & Command is both challenging and rewarding for the attending officers and their agencies," said Col. Ron Replogle. "The departments represented will reap the benefits of this program for years to come."

## *Missouri State Highway Patrol Members Of SPSC Class #317:*

Capt. Mark E. Richerson, Q/WPD  
Lt. Daniel S. Bracker, Troop D  
Lt. Vernon C. Dougan, Q/ICTD  
Lt. David A. Flannigan, Q/HRD  
Lt. Richard G. Fredendall, Q/BPD  
Lt. Steven J. Frisbie, Q/CJISD  
Lt. Dale O. Jinkens, Troop A  
Lt. Paul D. Kerperin, Q/FOB  
Lt. Lance M. MacLaughlin, Q/PSD  
Lt. James E. McDonald, Troop H  
Lt. Andrew O. Tourney, Q/GD  
Sgt. Julie A. Kerr, Q/HRD



*Members of the 317th Northwestern School of Police Staff and Command held their graduation ceremony at the G2 Gallery in Jefferson City.*



*Thomas Porter*  
Tpr. Cole P. & Mrs. Natalie  
J. Chatman  
Troop G

*Adaleigh Roberta*  
Tpr. Travis L. & Mrs.  
Nicole S. Coffey  
Troop C

*Nathan James*  
CIT III Jay A. & Mrs. Tina  
L. Forbis  
Q/ICTD

*Briggs McCoy*  
Lt. Scott A. & Mrs. Andrea  
L. Shippers  
Troop A

*Aiden Nathaniel*  
Auto. Tech. III Tyson C. &  
Mrs. Kelli G. Getman  
Troop D

*Caleb Dawson*  
Tpr. Matthew R. & Rhonda  
G. Young  
Troop D



# Officer's Efforts After Tornado Appreciated

*By Sgt. Michael W. "Mike" Watson, Troop D*

When hundreds of law enforcement officers responded to the Joplin and Duquesne areas following the May 22, 2011, tornado, the need for a liaison between volunteering officers and the Joplin Police Department, Jasper County Sheriff's Office, and the Patrol became evident. Jasper County Deputy/Juvenile Officer April Walrod filled that role in the days and weeks following the tornado. Following each morning briefing, officers from other agencies would continue to filter into the command post seeking assignments or details on where they could offer assistance. April took it upon herself to keep track of these officers by recording their name, contact information, and department. Based on the law enforcement needs in the di-

*(l to r) Sgt. Michael K. Frazier, Troop D, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Jasper County Deputy/Juvenile Officer April Walrod. Capt. Derek Walrod (Jasper County Sheriff's Office) and Lt. Steve Dorsey (Jasper County Sheriff's Office/retired MSHP sergeant) attended the presentation.*



saster area, she would then give those officers an assignment. April was in constant contact with command post personnel and continually assessed where the greatest need for additional personnel existed. As an expression of

gratitude for her significant services following the disaster of May 22, 2011, Sgt. Michael K. Frazier presented April with the Missouri State Highway Patrol's Certificate of Appreciation.

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## It's Nice To Be Noticed

*By Sgt. Gary S. Horton, Troop D*

If you traveled through Shell Knob, MO, during New Year's Eve, it's possible you noticed a sign next to Missouri Highway 39 in front of a local bar. The sign recognized the DWI enforcement efforts of Trooper Andrew B. "Andy" Ward. It read, "New Year's Eve W/Angie 8-1; Watch For Guest Tpr. A. Ward."

I can't think of a private sign anywhere in this state, at any other time, recognizing the DWI enforcement efforts of a law enforcement officer. Being one of the top DWI enforcers in Troop D, it isn't surprising that Andy received such legendary recognition, especially during the "season to be jolly".

When I spoke to Andy, he shared a story with me. He said he once arrested a subject for DWI who had left this same bar. The subject told him that earlier in the evening he witnessed Andy making another DWI arrest in the bar's driveway. I suppose this customer was so impressed with the way Andy handled the previous arrest, that he, too, wanted this experience.

Great job, Andy!



*This sign at a local bar in Shell Knob, MO, served as an important reminder to patrons and passersby.*

# Patrol Employees Share Holiday Cheer, Goodwill

## 9th Tpr. Newton Toy Drive Successful

The Missouri State Highway Patrol, Kansas Highway Patrol, and Krispy Kreme Doughnuts (drop off point for toys), joined the citizens they serve to make this year's Trooper Michael L. Newton Toy Drive a huge success. Volunteers from both law enforcement agencies distributed approximately \$6,000 worth of toys to children who must spend the holiday season in the hospital at the Ronald McDonald House, Children's Mercy Hospital, and Kansas University Medical Center Pediatric Unit. Additionally, ISRI's Mid-America Chapter (Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries) donated \$750 each to the Ronald McDonald House in Kansas City and to The MASTERS in memory of Tpr. Newton. Each child also received a "trooper bear" donated by the Troop A Chapter of Missouri State Troopers Association.



*Santa's elves arrive at KU Medical Center with toys to deliver.*

## Crime Lab Adopts Three Families

Elves in the Crime Laboratory Division have been busy this past year! Beginning in July, a variety of fundraisers helped the group raise \$1,400, which was used to purchase gifts for three families consisting of five adults and eight children. The fundraisers included a basket auction, bake sales, a dessert auction, penny wars, and a silent auction.



*(l to r)  
Criminalist  
III Jennifer A.  
Hoelscher and  
Criminalist  
III Abigail  
J. "Abby"  
Graham, both  
Q/CLD, begin  
wrapping  
presents.*

## Special Projects Raise Money For Food Drive



*CITS II Tonya M. Schaben and CITS II Micheale J. Kroeger (l to r), both Q/ICTD, stand beside food donated to the Samaritan Center via the GHQ food drive by the Information & Communications Technology Division (ICTD). The division held cinnamon roll bake sales and pay-to-dress-down days throughout 2011 to raise \$605. The money went toward the purchase of 1,315 food items. Individuals in the division also placed items in the boxes provided by the Field Operations Bureau.*



## Troop B Assists Two Local Families

*Troop B adopted two families this year. One family lives in Canton, MO, and included a grandmother who is raising her two grandsons, ages seven and nine. The second family (pictured) is from Lewiston, MO, and includes a dad who is raising his seven-year-old twin girls, an eleven-year-old daughter, and a 15-year-old son. Santa (retired Lt. Mike Platte) made a special appearance when Troop B's elves delivered gifts and food. The troop holds fundraisers throughout the year to make this project happen.*



## Officers, Kmart Take Our Youth Shopping

Operation T.O.Y.S. (Take Our Youth Shopping) took place on December 17, 2011, at the Kmart store in Jefferson City, MO. Over 60 children enjoyed a Christmas shopping experience thanks to the combined efforts of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, the Missouri Department of Corrections, the Missouri Capitol Police, the Cole County Sheriff's Department, the Jefferson City Police Department, and the Lincoln University Police Department. Special thanks to the Missouri State Troopers Association for sponsoring 10 of the children.



*Tpr. Stacey L. Mosher, Troop F, checks pricing for her shopping buddy.*

*Santa (retired Capt. Gary Moore) welcomes Lt. Keverne L. McCollum, Q/CJISD.*



*Capt. Timothy P. McGrail, Q/CJISD, helps his shopper pick out clothes.*

## New Tradition Feeds Local Families



*General Headquarters sponsored its fourth annual Christmas food drive for the Samaritan Center in Jefferson City. Each year, the generosity of Patrol employees grows. This year's donation took five pickup trucks to deliver. In 2011, some divisions held internal competitions and fundraisers, and donated the results to the food drive. The Samaritan Center personnel greatly appreciated the donation, which helps feed local families during the holiday season.*

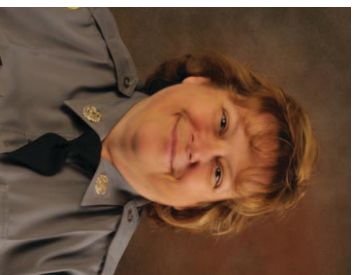
## Tpr. Chad D. Primm



Being a Missouri state trooper is a “family” affair. Chad’s brother, Greg, is a corporal in Troop A, and his father, Danny, retired as a sergeant from Troop B after serving 30 years with the Patrol. Chad said he has been very proud to follow in his father’s footsteps and realized “growing up in the Patrol family” that the people who are employed with the Patrol are top notch.

Chad stated, “Outside of having an opportunity to serve in the community in which you live, the close friendships that I’ve established since I have been on the Patrol have been one of the best parts of being a trooper.”

## Comm. Oper. II Teri L. Reed



**Appointed:** January 8, 2006.  
**First Assignment:** Troop H, Zone 7, Clinton/Caldwell Counties.

**Current Assignment:** Troop B, Zone 1, Macon/Shelby Counties.

**Family:** Chad is married to Deana (Shatzer) and they have three sons: Jacob, Alex, and Conner.

**Interests:** Chad enjoys hunting, fishing, spending time at the family farm in Knox County, and antique tractors.

Chad is a native of Macon, MO, and graduated from Macon R-1 High School. He attended Moberly Area Community College in Moberly, MO, where he obtained a law enforcement certificate. Prior to his appointment with the Patrol, he served as a Macon, MO, city police officer for over eight years.

He was appointed to the Patrol on January 8, 2006, and after graduating from the Patrol Academy was assigned to Troop H, Zone 7, Clinton and Caldwell counties. On October 1, 2009, he transferred to Troop B, Zone 11, Monroe and Randolph counties; and on October 1, 2011, he transferred to Troop B, Zone 1, Macon and Shelby counties. Chad serves as a Troop B first responder trainer. In 2008, he was named the Missouri State Fair “officer of the year” for his professionalism and hard work during his assignment at the fair.

**Appointed:** June 22, 2003.

**First Assignment:** Probationary Radio Telecommunicator, Troop B.

**Promotions:** Radio Telecommunicator — June 20, 2004; Radio Personnel — July 1, 2004; Communications Operator II — July 1, 2008.

**Current Assignment:** Communications Operator II, Troop B.

**Family:** Teri is married to George Reed and they have seven children: Everett, Kathryn, Donald, Sarah, John Drew, Steven, and Jerilyn. They also have nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Interests:** Teri enjoys motorcycle riding with her husband, quilting, and spending time with her family.

Teri was born in Greenwood, IN, and moved to Missouri, when she was 13 years old. Her family later settled in Bowling Green, MO, and she graduated from Bowling Green High School. Teri started her career in communications in 1999, as a dispatcher at the Bollinger County Sheriff’s Department. In July 2001, she and her husband moved to Marion County, MO, and she was employed for a short time with Marion County, MO, 9-1-1. Teri served as a dispatcher for Shelby County, MO, 9-1-1, from September 2001, until she became employed as a communications operator with the Patrol on June 23, 2003. Teri said she really enjoys her job and the people she works with couldn’t be better!

*You're  
Invited!*

The Missouri State Highway Patrol Annual Awards Ceremony and The MASTERS Banquet will take place on Saturday, April 14, 2012, at the Holiday Inn Executive Center, Columbia, MO. The social hour starts at 5:30 p.m.; the banquet at 6:30 p.m. The awards banquet is open to all employees and their guest/spouse. The banquet fee is \$35 per person. Awards are presented immediately following the dinner. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Scheidt at (573) 526-6159 or [cindy.scheidt@mslp.dps.mo.gov](mailto:cindy.scheidt@mslp.dps.mo.gov).



# Troop D Recognizes Sonya Perryman

*By Sgt. Michael W. "Mike" Watson, Troop D*

Summertime for most nine-year-olds is filled with playing outside, making trips to the city pool, and generally enjoying not having to get up early for school. One July day proved to be life changing for one youth from Jasper County.

On July 3, 2011, Sonya Perryman was traveling in Barry County with her brother in a pickup driven by their mother. Driving around a curve, Sonya's mother lost control of the vehicle and overturned off the roadway. Following the crash, Sonya unbuckled herself from her seat belt and attended to her brother, Logan, but was not able to remove him from his seat belt. Sonya's mother, Linda, who was not wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash, was ejected and her leg pinned under the truck.

Seeing both her mother and brother injured and unable to summon assistance, Sonya decided to leave the crash scene to locate help. With internal injuries, numerous cuts and scrapes, and a neck injury, she ran nearly a half-mile to a residence and made contact with the home owner,

who happened to be outside. Sonya described what had happened, and was able to direct emergency personnel to where the vehicle was located.

Later, at a hospital in Springfield, Sonya required surgery to repair internal injuries, several staples due to cuts, and until recently, had to wear a neck brace for a torn ligament in her neck. A family member described the final rest of the vehicle as an area not

easily seen from the roadway. If Sonya had not gone for help, it might have extended the period of time before discovery. Both her mother and brother have since recuperated.

The Patrol recognized her courageous efforts on October 14, 2011, with a Certificate of Appreciation. Members of Troop D presented it to her at the Service Center in Carthage, MO.



*(officers l to r) Cpl. Jeffery L. Prewitt, Sgt. Mike Watson, and Tpr. Douglas W. Riley, all of Troop D, stand with Miss Sonya Perryman (center) after presenting her with a Certificate of Appreciation.*

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## Communications Operators Gather For Training

*By Chief Oper. Roger D. Martin, Q/ICTD*

Communications operators from around the state converged in Jefferson City in October and November to complete 16 hours of in-service continuing education. This year's in-service focused on the professional development courses required for all communications operators within Missouri. Topics included telephone and radio technique, customer service, and Americans with Disability Act (ADA) standards. In addition, operators received an overview of Patrol car mobile radio system installation and troubleshooting on both the Ford

Crown Victoria and Dodge Charger. Finally, operators were provided an overview of the rapid response vehicle systems and state emergency management communications equipment.

*Section Chief Shannon L. McGowan (right), Q/ICTD, shows Asst. Chief Oper. John R. Novotny (left), Troop D, some of the features of the trunk kit designed by the Patrol Radio Shop for the new Dodge Charger radio installation.*



# C2E: New & Improved!

*By Troop C*

On September 12, 2011, Troop C's weigh station C2E, located just west of the city of St. Clair, reopened with a small ribbon cutting ceremony that included the Troop C staff and representatives of MoDOT, including Ms. Judy Wagner the resident engineer for the Franklin and Jefferson counties. This scale house closed nearly a year and a half ago after a drunk driver ran his vehicle into the side of the building. As a matter of fact, the vehicle traveled partially through the building. MoDOT rebuilt the scale house at a cost of about \$40,000. The new building is a modified trailer sitting on a concrete foundation, with new electronics running to and from the scale. Reinhold Electric completed the electrical work; Technology Systems completed the new electronics at a total cost of about \$250,000. The reopening provides much needed services coming into the St. Louis area via the Interstate 44 corridor.

*This is scale house C2E after a drunk driver drove into it.*



*A ribbon cutting ceremony on September 12, 2011, signified the opening of the new weigh station.*



*New and improved: This is the new C2E in St. Clair, MO.*

## Beis Named Honorary Trooper

*By Cpl. Jeffrey L. Wilson, Troop C*

On October 4, 2011, during Troop C's annual troop meeting, Colonel Ronald K. "Ron" Replogle recognized Mr. Douglas Beis, of St. Louis, by presenting him with an Honorary Trooper certificate. Mr. Beis assisted Trooper Gabriel T. Gronemeyer, Troop C, during a violent traffic stop and arrest.

The incident took place on the evening of September 10, 2011. Tpr. Gronemeyer stopped a vehicle for several violations on southbound Interstate 55, just north of Meramec Bottom Road. During the stop, Tpr. Gronemeyer realized the driver of the vehicle had been drinking, and possibly was intoxicated. After several sobriety tests, Tpr. Gronemeyer attempted to make an arrest. But, the subject pulled away and attempted to flee.

Tpr. Gronemeyer grabbed the subject, and after struggling for several seconds, the subject broke free and began to run. As Tpr. Gronemeyer gave chase, he fell and injured his leg. Mr. Douglas Beis, a registered nurse at a local hospital, was traveling south on Interstate 55, when he noticed the struggle between Tpr. Gronemeyer and the subject. Mr. Beis quickly stopped his vehicle and chased the subject. While running in the direction of Mr. Beis, the subject attempted to avoid him by running up an embankment. However, Mr. Beis tackled the subject and held him down until help arrived.

As Col. Replogle presented the award to Mr. Beis, he stated that Mr. Beis' heroic actions prevented any further injury to Tpr. Gronemeyer. He also told Mr. Beis that the Missouri State Highway Patrol will be indebted to him always.



*Col. Ron Replogle (center), Q/Staff, and Tpr. Gabriel Gronemeyer (right), Troop C, listen to Mr. Douglas Beis talk to Troop C employees after accepting an Honorary Trooper certificate.*



# High-Tech Rapid Response Vehicle Joins Patrol Fleet

**Chief Oper. Roger D. Martin, Q/ICTD**

In late September 2011, the Missouri State Highway Patrol took delivery of the fourth Rapid Response Vehicle (RRV) purchased to support emergency response needs throughout the state. The RRV transport is a specially equipped one-ton Chevrolet Suburban carrying a high tech communications platform. It is designed to work alone or in conjunction with the Mobile Command and Communications Vehicle (MCCV) maintained by the Patrol and Sikeston DPS, as well as the other RRV maintained throughout the state.

The electronic systems are powered either by the Suburban engine or normal household electrical power. The interior redesign of the RRV includes a rearward facing operations bench that allows two operators to work system electronics from inside the truck. This is an improvement from the single seat operations capability of earlier RRV. In addition, the capabilities of the RRV can be moved inside a standing structure using fiber optic cable fly-away equipment.

The RRV satellite communications dish provides voice over internet protocol (VoIP) telephone service as well as data connectivity to the Patrol network and the open Internet. The data package has been improved slightly over earlier models to allow more broadband capability, thus increasing the number of mobile computer devices the platform can support. The RRV is equipped with four cameras mounted to the top of the vehicle. A fifth camera is mounted to a six-foot mast. The mast mount camera features full function pan-tilt-zoom (PTZ) from an interior control or through the Internet. Video is recorded on site for evidence, and can be streamed over the Internet to public safety officials allowing them to see a crisis situation firsthand. In addition to the standard camera systems, the RRV is equipped with a receiver array for the microwave downlink feed from the camera system affixed to the Patrol helicopter stationed at Jefferson City, and



*The Patrol's newest Rapid Response Vehicle (RRV) will support emergency response needs throughout the state.*

will link to the two wireless camera kits owned by the Patrol.

The RRV has Patrol and mutual aid radio systems onboard; 700/800 megahertz systems used by many municipalities; and both marine and aviation band radios. It is equipped

with an ACU-2000 radio server that will allow radios from military or other emergency management agencies to be linked to RRV systems. The newest addition to our emergency management fleet is specifically designed to get in close to a crisis

location, provide a view of the situation to state decision makers, and to allow multiple agency responders on scene a highly effective interoperable communications system.

## Ceremony Dedicates Sgt. Joe Schuengel Memorial Highway

**By Cpl. Jeffrey L. "Jeff" Wilson, Troop C**

On October 21, 2011, Colonel Ronald K. "Ron" Replogle, Q/Staff, and Captain Ronald S. "Ron" Johnson, Troop C's commanding officer, led a ceremony dedicating a portion of Interstate 64 from Boone's Crossing overpass west to the Spirit of St. Louis overpass in St. Louis County the "Highway Patrol Sgt. Joe Schuengel Memorial Highway". Sgt. Joseph G. "Joe" Schuengel was killed tragically on October 15, 2010, when the helicopter he was piloting crashed. He was the 29th member of the Patrol to lose his life in the line of duty. Col. Replogle spoke of Joe's career and of his piloting skills. His mother, Georgianna Schuengel, briefly spoke about how Joe would have been so proud to have this portion of the interstate, adjacent to the Spirit of St. Louis airport where Joe spent most of his time, dedicated in his honor. Joe's family and representatives of Laclede Gas Company, his previous employer, attended the ceremony. Representatives from MoDOT, The MASTERS, BackStoppers Inc., and Missouri State Troopers Association, several Patrol chaplains, and members from Troop C also attended.



*This sign marks a special stretch of Interstate 64 from Boone's Crossing overpass to west of the Spirit of St. Louis overpass as the "Highway Patrol Sgt. Joe Schuengel Memorial Highway".*

# 'Looking Beyond The Stop'

*The following officers are to be commended for looking beyond the initial stop. Each of these officers made at least one arrest during the period of November 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011. (Editor's note: This column excludes DWI arrests, warrant arrests, and "plain sight" situations. Keep in mind that there must be information in the "miscellaneous" section of the radio report to be considered for this column.)*

## **Troop A**

Tpr. D.C. Belardo, 1 arrest  
Cpl. C.R. Blackmon, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B. Cole, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.N. Comer, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.S. Craig, 1 arrest  
Sgt. B.L. Daniel, 2 arrests  
Tpr. L. Dancy, 1 arrest  
Tpr. K. Davis, 2 arrests\*  
CVO Sprv. I.J.F. Stone, 1 assist\*  
Tpr. B.R. DeHaan, 2 arrests  
Tpr. D.E. Fessenden, 1 arrest  
Tpr. S.D. Galaska, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.E. Givens, 3 arrests  
Tpr. J.M. Harrison, 3 arrests  
Tpr. G.J. Jenner, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.A. Jones, 2 arrests  
Tpr. C.S. Kutzner, 2 arrests  
Tpr. E.A. Lusk, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.D. Mathes, 3 arrests  
Sgt. R.B. McGinnis, 4 arrests  
Tpr. D.N. Morey, 1 arrest  
Sgt. T.T. Pitts, 1 arrest  
Cpl. G.D. Primm, 2 arrests  
Tpr. B.R. Sanson, 1 arrest  
Cpl. C.A. Taibi, 1 arrest  
Cpl. C.E. Utterback, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.R. Vivas, 5 arrests  
Tpr. D.D. Wohler, 3 arrests  
Tpr. M.J. Yoder, 3 arrests

## **Troop B**

Tpr. T.J. Adams, 2 arrests  
Tpr. E.F. Brown, 3 arrests  
Cpl. C.M. Duppong, 2 arrests  
Tpr. K.E. Easley, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.J. Glover, 1 arrest  
Tpr. G.T. Johnson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.J. Lewis, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.D. Primm, 2 arrests  
Tpr. E.J. Ruckenbrod, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.E. Thoman, 1 arrest

## **Troop C**

Sgt. J.R. Campbell, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.P. Coleman, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.M. Coval, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.R. Diffie, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.K. Forler, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.S. Huskey, 1 arrest  
Tpr. Z.C. Kral, 1 arrest  
Sgt. D.S. Larsen, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.D. Lingren, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.A. Mason, 3 arrests  
Tpr. K. Moffat, 1 arrest  
Cpl. J.D. Oughton, 1 arrest  
Sgt. C.L. Patton, 1 arrest  
Cpl. W.B. Sevier, 2 arrests  
Tpr. A.D. Smith, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.R. Summers, 1 arrest  
Tpr. E.M. VanWinkle, 1 arrest

## **Troop D**

Tpr. E.B. Adams, 1 arrest  
Tpr. Z.K. Bryan, 2 arrests  
Tpr. M.L. Cary, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.W. Choate, 1 arrest  
Sgt. S.W. Crouch, 1 arrest  
Sgt. M.K. Funderburk, 2 arrests  
Cpl. T.L. Hall, 2 arrests  
Tpr. W.S. Lashmet, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.L. Mason, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.B. May, 1 arrest  
Cpl. C.T. Moreland, 1 arrest

## **Troop E**

Tpr. D.W. Crank, 1 arrest  
Tpr. R.W. Eakins, 2 arrests  
Tpr. A.R. Johnson, 1 arrest  
Cpl. M.D. Lynch, 1 arrest  
Sgt. R.J. Sanders, 1 arrest  
Tpr. S.M. Spain, 3 arrests  
Cpl. J.S. Stewart, 7 arrests  
Tpr. T.D. Templemire, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.J. West, 3 arrests  
Tpr. N.L. Wheelles, 2 arrests

## **Troop F**

Tpr. S.M. Burgun, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.F. Echternacht, 1 arrest  
Cpl. M.A. Halford, 3 arrests  
Tpr. M.T. Halford, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.G. Holzschuh, 1 arrest  
Tpr. S.B. Johnson, 8 arrests  
Sgt. A.J. Mattox, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.O. Mitchell, 2 arrests  
Cpl. M.E. Morice, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.R. Powell, 6 arrests  
Tpr. K.A. Schrage, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.K. Sullivan, 2 arrests  
Cpl. R.S. Thompson, 1 arrest  
Cpl. T.R. Walley, 1 arrest  
Cpl. G.D. Ward, 1 arrest

## **Troop G**

Tpr. R.M. Greenan, 2 arrests  
Tpr. C.W. Hubbs, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.D. Johnson, 2 arrests  
Tpr. G.J. Loring, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.B. Pounds, 1 arrest  
Tpr. P.V.J. Volkmer, 7 arrests  
Tpr. P.R. Wells, 4 arrests

## **Troop H**

Sgt. L.M. Allen, 1 arrest  
Cpl. H.B. Cowan, 2 arrests  
Tpr. R.P. Dudeck, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.D. Farmer, 1 arrest  
Sgt. T.B. Gardner, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.K. Griffin, 2 arrests  
Tpr. T.B. Heintz, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.R. Hilliard, 1 arrest  
Tpr. K.F. Jeffers, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.R. Johnston, 4 arrests  
Tpr. M.L. Starmer, 2 arrests  
Cpl. T.L. Williams, 1 arrest

## **Troop I**

Tpr. J.T. Peart, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.R. Sellars, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.A. Vogt, 1 arrest



# CAP Class Celebrates Graduation

**By Sgt. Al P. Nothum, Troop C**

After eight weeks of classroom instruction and hands-on training, the 2011 Troop C Community Alliance Class graduated! During the awards presentation, members of the class received plaques recognizing them for their dedication to the program. Graduation night took place at Troop C, and included a slide show featuring the class and the many activities in which they were involved. Some of the photos highlighted the participants shooting at the range, taking part in DWI night, and learning all about stop and approach.

This year's program started on October 4, 2011, with 18 people from the community making up the class. They met every Tuesday evening throughout the months of October and November. Twenty-seven Troop C of-



*Troop C's 2011 Community Alliance Program included: (front row, l to r) Ms. Shelly Germano, Ms. Kathy Kerlagon, Ms. Patricia Chamberlain, Ms. Michelle Page, Ms. Barbara Wilson, Ms. Margo Eckelkamp, and Ms. Carol Hoormann; (back row, l to r) Mr. Michael Christian, Mr. Jim Compton, Mr. Raymond Kerlagon, Mr. Barry McCord, Mr. Mike Hays, Mr. Jeff Macki, Mr. John Brake, Mr. Gary Cowles, Mr. Dennis Eckelkamp, and Mr. Matthew Higgins.*

ficers and employees served as guest instructors, including retired Sergeant Frank Autry, who assisted on stop and approach night. This is the third Community Alliance Program Frank has volunteered to help teach.

The 2011 Community Alliance Program class was a huge success and we are looking forward to the class of 2013!

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## Troop A Offers Students An Inside Look

**By Sgt. Collin A. Stosberg, Troop A**

During October 2011, Platte County and Clay County area high school juniors and seniors completed a five-day student alliance program offered by Troop A. These students are enrolled in the Crime Scene Investigation/Law Enforcement vocational pro-

gram through the Northland Career Center. The students were exposed to the history of the Patrol, the Troop A Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team, and the Patrol's Major Crash Investigation Unit. They attended cours-

es involving DWI enforcement, and stop and approach. Upon completing the alliance program, each student received a certificate of recognition signed by Colonel Ron Replogle, Q/Staff, and Captain Robert L. Powell, Troop A.



*These students are all smiles after completing a Student Alliance Program at the Northland Career Center. Pictured with them are (back, l to r) Sgt. Douglas J. "D.J." Hedrick and Sgt. William W. "Bill" Lowe, Troop A.*

# Promotions



Jeffrey A. Cravens  
Sergeant  
Troop G



J. Erik Eidson  
Sergeant  
Q/DDCC



Jason B. Trammell  
Sergeant  
Q/DDCC



Scott A. Ballard  
Corporal  
Troop F



Bret E. Brooks  
Corporal  
Q/GSD



Shawn M. Dougherty  
Corporal  
Troop G



Andrew D. Gadberry  
Corporal  
Troop C



John B. Beaton  
Assistant Chief Oper.  
Troop E



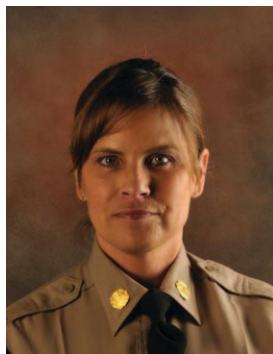
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Asst. Chief Tech.  
Q/ICTD



Trisha R. Baker  
Comm. Oper. II  
Troop E



Brittany A. Baldwin  
Criminalist III  
Q/CLD



Cheryl S. Bardwell  
Chief DE  
Q/DED



Dennis W. Bauer  
Bldg. & Grnds. Maint.  
Sprv.  
Troop C



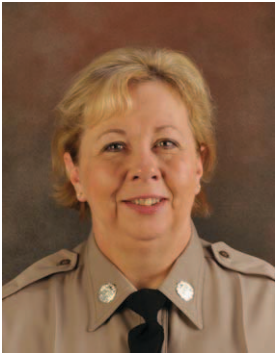
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DE Sprv.  
Troop D



Laura M. Crandal  
Criminalist II  
Q/CLD



# Promotions



Cindy L. Durbin  
DE II  
Troop A



Brad D. Gibson  
Criminalist Sprv.  
Q/CLD



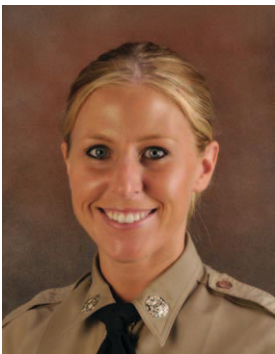
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CIT II  
Q/ICTD



Stacey L. Hinson  
Clerk Typist II  
Q/CJISD



David A. Howell  
DE II  
Troop C



Melissa B. Isenberg  
DE II  
Troop C



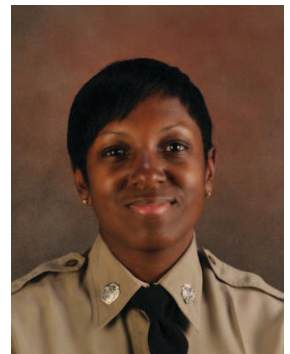
David L. Johnson  
CIT III  
Q/ICTD



Megan E. Long  
Clerk Typist II  
Troop E



Kellie L. Martin  
Criminalist II  
Q/CLD



Tracy McMullen-  
Howlett  
DE II  
Troop C



Jennifer L. Null  
DE II  
Troop A



Kessy M. Morris  
DE II  
Troop C



Christopher A. Renna  
CIT III  
Q/ICTD



Nicholle D. Rhodes  
Criminalist III  
Q/CLD



Elizabeth M. Roberts  
Criminalist II  
Q/CLD

# 94th Recruit Class Graduates!

## 30 New Troopers Join 80 Years Of Tradition

*By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED*

As they entered the Academy gymnasium on December 16, 2011, the 94th Recruit Class made their presence known with their quiet, dignified procession. They walked a little bit taller ... a little bit straighter ... and with a little more confidence than they had on July 1, 2011, when they first entered training. The graduation ceremony began with the regal presentation of colors by the Troop F Color Guard. Trooper Andrew A. Armstrong, Troop F, sang the national anthem. His clear, tenor voice washed over the audience with a gentle vibrato in all the right phrases.

Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster served as keynote speaker. AG Koster told the class the Attorney General's Office values deeply its relationship with the Patrol. "It is an honor to serve you, to serve with you, and to be your friends." He then told the class that from December 16, 2011, forward, everything they do, every decision they make will be done in the name of the people of the state of Missouri. "Understanding this responsibility is a process," said AG Koster. "It reveals itself over a long time." He said the reason the Missouri State Highway Patrol is so selective is because the responsibility is so large. He directed the new troopers to "go live a life that lives up to that responsibility."

The Honorable Zel M. Fischer, Missouri Supreme Court, administered the Oath of Office to the new troopers. Mr. Thomas U. Black, of Nelson, MO, gave the invocation and benediction. Eleven of the new troop-



*Tpr. Graydon L. Gaines (center) holds the Superintendent's Award. He also accepted the Physical Fitness Award and the Firearms Award. Col. Ron Replogle, Q/Staff, presented the award; Missouri Atty. Gen. Chris Koster (r) is pictured, also.*

ers received an associate's of applied science degree from Mineral Area College based on their course work at the Academy. Dean Gil Kennon, vice president of college affairs for Mineral Area College, was present to confer these degrees.

Colonel Ronald K. "Ron" Replogle, Q/Staff, congratulated and welcomed the new troopers. "You are joining the finest law enforcement organization in the nation," he told them. "Never

*The 94th Recruit Class enters the Academy gymnasium for graduation.*

forget your classmates, your training, or the citizens of Missouri for whom you work. Never forget our eight core values, the thousands of troopers who have or are performing their duties, or the 30 members who have paid the ultimate price. Remember to always be ladies and gentlemen who enforce the law. May God bless you and keep you safe throughout your careers."

The colonel then presented the four class awards. This year, the same trooper accepted three of them. Trooper Graydon L. Gaines accepted the Physical Fitness Award, the Firearms Award,







Missouri Atty. Gen. Chris Koster served as keynote speaker.

and the Superintendent's Award. Trooper Eric J. Graslie earned the Academic Award for the class.

Trooper Thomas J. Black, class commander, thanked the Academy staff, instructors, friends, and family on behalf of the 94th Recruit Class before speaking directly to his classmates. "I am confident in each of your abilities. Go from here knowing you've been equipped by the best training available," Tpr. Black said. "I would like to close with a quote by Theodore Roosevelt: 'No man is above the law and no man is below it; nor do we ask any man's permission when we ask him to obey it.'"

(The 30 new troopers reported to their first assignment on January 2, 2012.)



The Honorable Zel Fischer, Missouri Supreme Court, congratulates Tpr. Eric J. Graslie (l) after he signed his Oath Of Office. Tpr. Graslie also accepted the Academic Award for the class.

Listed below are the names, hometowns, and first assignments for members of the 94th Recruit Class:

Name	Hometown	Troop Assignment
Jason A. Akers	Ballwin, MO	Troop C, St. Genevieve/ Perry Counties
*Jason A. Ashby	Fenton, MO	Troop C, Jefferson County
Thomas J. Black	Columbia, MO	Troop H, Buchanan/ Andrew Counties
Todd K. Burton	Springfield, MO	Troop F, Audrain County
*Clinton R. Capps	Salem, MO	Troop I, Crawford County
*Ryan W. Clement	Grovespring, MO	Troop C, Franklin County
*Stephen J. Cool	Higginsville, MO	Troop H, Clinton/Caldwell Counties
John T. Cunningham	Belton, MO	Troop A, Carroll/Ray Counties
*Robert R. Davis	St. Peters, MO	Troop C, Lincoln/Pike Counties
Dylan L. DeJournett	Essex, MO	Troop E, New Madrid/ Pemiscot Counties
Jennifer A. Dopplick	St. Louis, MO	Troop C, Jefferson County
*Trevor H. Elliston	Mt. Vernon, IL	Troop C, Jefferson County
Graydon L. Gaines	Kirkville, MO	Troop B, Randolph/Monroe Counties
*Eric J. Graslie	Wentzville, MO	Troop C, St. Charles County
Erica L. Grass	Lake St. Louis, MO	Troop C, St. Charles County
Patrick T. Harms	St. Charles, MO	Troop C, St. Charles County
Cameron M. Heath Jr.	Cape Girardeau, MO	Troop E, Scott/Mississippi Counties
Jordan A. Hilliard	Mt. Vernon, IL	Troop C, North St. Louis County
Austin B. Kings	Moberly, MO	Troop F, Audrain County
*Ashley E. Klempe	Los Angeles, CA	Troop F, Moniteau/ Morgan Counties
Jake T. Langsdale	Lee's Summit, MO	Troop A, Johnson County
*Blaine M. Loring	West Plains, MO	Troop E, Butler/Ripley Counties
Lucas S. Lowe	Marthasville, MO	Troop H, Grundy/Mercer/ Livingston Counties
Justin J. Moll	Centralia, IL	Troop C, North St. Louis County
*Mark A. Philpott	Ava, MO	Troop G, Carter/Reynolds Counties
Eric D. Rehmert	Owensville, MO	Troop C, Franklin County
Elvis Rondon	Batavia, IL	Troop A, Carroll/Ray Counties
Rawn P. Toler	Monett, MO	Troop F, Montgomery County
*Joseph M. Van Meter	Bloomington, IN	Troop E, New Madrid/ Pemiscot Counties
Nicholas B. Yoder	Mundelein, IL	Troop C, St. Francois/ Washington Counties.

\* Denotes troopers who earned an associate's of applied science degree through the Academy and Mineral Area College partnership.

# Bruce's Years Of Service Recognized

**By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED**

Colonel Ron Replogle, Q/Staff, recognized Assistant Attorney General Theodore A. "Ted" Bruce during graduation exercises for the 94th Recruit Class. Col. Replogle called Asst. AG Bruce forward to name him an honorary trooper and present a corresponding plaque. The plaque reads, "Special trust and confidence has been placed in the loyalty, patriotism, fidelity, and prudence of Assistant Attorney General Theodore A. "Ted" Bruce, who has shown to be a good citizen and friend of law enforcement. Now, therefore, let it be also known that such person is hereby appointed an Honorary Trooper of Missouri State Highway Patrol, and is to have, hold, and exercise under said appointment all of the power attaining thereto; and to fulfill the du-

ties thereof." It is dated and signed by Col. Replogle.

"Over the decades, Ted has provided legal counsel to the Patrol and taught many recruit classes," Col. Replogle said. He then invited all those in the room who had been a student of Asst. AG Bruce to stand. "You can see from the number of officers standing what an impact he's had. Ted, thank you for your 30 years of service and friendship."



*Asst. AG Ted Bruce (center) accepted an Honorary Trooper Award from Col. Ron Replogle (r). Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster (l) expressed his appreciation for Asst. AG Bruce's service, also.*

## Anniversaries

### February

*25 years*

Chief MVI Roger D. Cross,  
Troop F

*20 years*

CVO II Ronald O. Abmeyer Jr.,  
Troop E

Fleet Control Coord. Todd E.  
Diehl, Q/MED

CVO II Richard L. Fry,  
Troop C

Criminalist Sprv. Debra A.  
Oliveras, Q/CLD

Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. II  
Donald R. Sheehy Jr.,  
Troop E

DE Sprv. Donna K. Woody,  
Troop D

DE Chief Julia A. Wall,  
Troop H

Lab. Evid. Tech. II Karen L.  
Choate, Q/CLD

Asst. Chief. Oper. Katrina D.  
Gregg, Troop D

*15 years*

DE III Dawna K. Martin,  
Troop A

CIT III Alan D. Sparks, Q/ICTD

*10 years*

Clerk Typist III Marsha L.  
Behrens, Q/MVI

*5 years*

Clerk IV Rhonda C. Bruemmer,  
Q/MED

Trainer/Auditor I Patricia A.  
Henton, Q/CJISD

Food Service Helper I Jennifer  
L. Moeller, Q/TND

Comm. Oper. II Paula J. Price,  
Troop F

### March

*35 years*

Cpl. Charles L. Brown, Troop C  
Sgt. Terry M. Wilkinson, Q/GD

*30 years*

CITS II Charles M. Herigon,  
Q/ICTD

Tech. Support Mgr. Dianne E.  
Ruetters, Q/ICTD

*25 years*

Desig. Princ. Asst. Jeanette M.  
Muller, Q/Staff

*15 years*

Chief Tech. Terry L. Carroll,  
Q/ICTD

Comm. Oper. II William S.  
Conner, Troop D

Comm. Oper. III Vickie L.  
Vogelsmeier, Troop A

*10 years*

CIT III Terry W. Jarvis,  
Q/ICTD

Comm. Oper. II Kelly L.  
Bowman, Troop D

Telecom. Douglas W. Sullivan,  
Troop D

*5 years*

CDL Exam. Aud. Monique J.  
Ginel, Troop D

DE III Martha J. Sims,  
Troop G

Criminalist III Alexander A.  
Belt, Q/CLD

Criminalist III Janet L. Davis,  
Q/CLD

Clerk Typist III Shena R.  
Brown, Troop G

DE III Sharon A. Shively,  
Troop B



# Administrators, Staff School Law Enforcement Officers

*By Sgt. Douglas J. "D.J." Hedrick, Troop A*

In October 2011, a group of Platte County R-3 School District administrators and staff played a game of basketball. Their opponent consisted of local law enforcement officers, and the game took place at the Platte City Middle School in Platte City, MO. The game served as a way to raise money for the Platte County Education Foundation (student scholarship fund) and "Shop With A Cop". A total of \$341 was raised for the two causes.

It was evident from the start that the school's team had prior playing experience—they quickly jumped to a 20 to 7 lead. We learned later that one staff member held the record for the most free throws made and free throws attempted in MIAA women's college basketball. In fact, several staff members had played collegiate basketball.

There were some highlights for the officers. Troop A's "High flying" Corporal Carl A. Taibi's "run and gun" enthusiasm brought several cheers from the crowd. Carl threw up a half court shot because his teammates on the bench yelled, "Shoot!" Carl thought the clock was running out. (There were five minutes left in the half.) Trooper Matthew J. "Matt" Yoder—we like to call him "Hillbilly"—kept the quick pace going, while other players were asking for a "sub" about every other time down the court.

The law enforcement team consisted of officers from the Missouri State Highway Patrol (assigned to Platte County), the Platte City Police Department, and the Platte County Sheriff's Department. The Patrol members participating included Tpr. Yoder, Trooper

Chadwick S. "Chad" Kutzner, Cpl. Taibi, and myself.

Platte City Sergeant Robert Newan and Patrol Officer Matt McCombs were able to bring this benefit together. The basketball game will benefit two valuable organizations. Sgt. Newman said the "Shop With A Cop" program allows area law enforcement to spend a few hours with local children while they enjoy picking out their favorite toys and games. This year's "Shop With A Cop" event took place at the local Wal-Mart on December 10, 2011.

The ending score was 74 to 35 in favor of the school district. What we learned that day: Next year, the officers need to do their homework, so they can be better prepared for the next lesson!



*Platte County R-3 School District administrators and staff took on area law enforcement in a charity basketball game in October 2011. (Thank you, Ms. Sara Lovelace, assistant editor of the Platte County Citizen, for the picture!)*



# Sgt. Graham Memorial Run Raises \$1,500

*By Chairperson Cathy Runge  
Sgt. Dewayne Graham Memorial Scholarship Committee*

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual MSHP Sgt. Dewayne Graham Memorial Scholarship 5K run and 1 mile run/walk was a big success. The race took place on October 15, 2011, at beautiful Big Spring – Ozark National Scenic Riverways near Van Buren, MO. The route took runners along the Current River, Big Spring, and the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) historic district.

The 71 runners and walkers enjoyed both the event and the beautiful weather, raising more than \$1,500 for the Sgt. Dewayne Graham Scholarship Fund. Awards were presented in four divisions, from ages 12 to 50 and above, for both female and male entries. First place winners included Jenny Morey, Peyton Huskey, Carlee Pruett, Wyatt Dougherty, Ethan Ponder, Chasity Fowler, Molly O'Dowd, Samantha Martin, Dylan Nichols, Chase Collins, Karen Rikard, Melissa Dougherty, Karl Gilpin, Jeff Cravens, Rodger Hart, JoAnn Pierce, Joyce Parsons, Marc Romine, and Orval Graham. After the races, runners and onlookers enjoyed music from Non Lethal Tactics and a catfish dinner

provided by the Van Buren Lions Club. Thank you to the participants and volunteers who made this event successful.

The non-profit scholarship honors the life and career of Sergeant C. Dewayne Graham, who was killed in the line of duty on March 20, 2005. The scholarship is administered by the Community Foundation of the Ozarks. It is awarded yearly to a local high school senior of high moral character and integrity in pursuit of a career in criminal justice or law enforcement. To learn more about the scholarship, please visit <http://www.cfozarks.org/scholarship-tool.php>.



*Ethan Ponder, son of Sgt. Craig N. Ponder, Troop G, and Wyatt Dougherty, nephew of Cpl. Shawn M. Dougherty, Troop G, are all smiles after taking first place in the one mile run and 5K run (respectively) in the 12 and under category.*



*Cpl. Shawn M. Dougherty, Troop G, runs alongside his son, Corbin, during the Sgt. Dewayne Graham Memorial Scholarship 5K run and one mile run/walk.*

Next year's Graham Run is scheduled for October 20, 2012. For more information visit the Web site at [www.grahamrun.com](http://www.grahamrun.com).



*This group photo shows the first place runners in all divisions. However, all of the runners and volunteers are winners!*



# MADD Salutes Troop C Area's Top 15

*By Sgt. Al P. Nothum, Troop C*

On November 10, 2011, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) recognized 15 Troop C area officers at their annual "Heroes for Heroes" awards banquet. The 15 officers recognized at the "Heroes for Heroes" event had a combined total of 454 DWI arrests in 2010. Many of these officers are assigned to Troop C's Operation A.R.R.E.S.T. (Alcohol Related Response Enforcement Strike Team). Once again, this enforcement program proved successful in 2010. Operation A.R.R.E.S.T. consists of the top 10 producers in Troop C who work an eight-hour shift once a month concentrating on DWI enforcement.



*Pictured left to right are: Lt. Elvin A. Seals, Troop C; Tpr. Christopher M. Turner, Q/GD; Lt. Stephen B. Ferrier, Troop C; Tpr. Ronald A. Metteer, Q/GD; Cpl. Travis S. Croft, Troop C; Tpr. Dustin B. Reed, Troop C; Tpr. Phillip G. Sarakas, Troop C; Tpr. Larry A. Turner, Troop C; Tpr. Jeremy M. Potocki, Troop C; Cpl. Eric R. Kessler, Troop C; Cpl. Lonnie J. Keathley, Troop C; Tpr. Adam S. Huskey, Troop C; and Cpl. Matthew R. Schmidt, Troop C. Unavailable for the photograph were: Tpr. Joseph D. Flynn, Tpr. Andrew D. Gadberry, Cpl. W. Bradley Sevier, and Tpr. Charles P. Verdone, all Troop C.*

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## Citizens Complete Community Alliance Program

*By Sgt. Brent J. Bernhardt, Troop B*

On the evening of November 14, 2011, 18 Troop B citizens ended their participation of the 2011 Troop B Community Alliance Program at an awards ceremony held at the Macon Comfort Inn in Macon, Missouri. During the awards presentation, participants accepted plaques recognizing them for their dedication to the 10-week program, and enjoyed highlights of the program and refreshments. Also during the awards ceremony, Mr. Walley Malins and Mr. Bill Stuart, representatives of The MASTERS, provided a short presentation regarding their organization.

This year's program began on September 12, 2011, and participants met on consecutive Monday evenings. During the program, the "students" were exposed to many facets of the Patrol. Classes included recruit training, Patrol history, traffic enforcement, polygraph testing, drug enforcement, firearms at night, and an evening ride-along with Troop B officers. A total of 30 Troop B officers and employees



*(l to r) Troop B officers, Capt. James E. Wilt, Lt. Erik A. Gottman, and Sgt. Brent J. Bernhardt, join members of the 2011 Troop B Community Alliance Program in this picture.*

served as guest instructors during the sessions. Although some might think 10 weeks is a long time, most of the participants would be eager to tell you they wished it could have lasted longer. This was the seventh community alliance program conducted in Troop B since 2001. Without a doubt, the Patrol has made many new friends and ambassadors through these programs.

Participants of the 2011 Troop B Community Alliance Program were: Shellie Claiborne, of Macon; Jerry

Edwards, of Macon; Brandy Forsyth, of Paris; Paul Isaacson, of Macon; John H. Larrick, of Macon; June Long, of Macon; Mark Maddox, of Macon; Scott Nelson, of Macon; William Reid, of Moberly; Randy Roberts, of Macon; Stephen Roberts, of Macon; Roger Roll, of Macon; Donald Schisler, of Macon; James Scott, of Macon; Sherry Stanley, of Macon; Sally Watts, of Macon; Jace Weber, of Macon; and Sally Weber, of Macon.

# ASSOCIATION HONORS TWO TROOPERS

*By Sgt. William W. "Bill" Lowe, Troop A*

On November 18, 2011, the Metropolitan Police and Sheriff's Association honored Trooper Frederick F. "Fred" Guthrie Jr., posthumously, with their Medal of Valor. This organization honored Sergeant Mark D. DeGraffenreid with the Medal of Valor, and named him Officer of the Year.

On June 1, 2011, Sgt. DeGraffenreid was involved in a pursuit on U.S. Highway 65 in Saline County. The St. Joseph man driving the vehicle was considered to be a suspect in a homicide. As the suspect made a U-turn at a median crossover, he fired several rounds at Sgt. DeGraffenreid, who expeditiously exited his patrol vehicle and returned fire.

While pursuing the suspect north on U.S. Highway 65, the suspect began firing indiscriminately, with a high powered rifle, at motorists traveling south. Two innocent motorists sustained gunshot wounds during the course of the pursuit; both survived the incident. When the suspect's vehicle became disabled, he stopped the vehicle on the right shoulder, exited his vehicle, and began firing at Sgt. DeGraffenreid and other law enforcement officers as he rounded a curve. The suspect subsequently died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Sgt. DeGraffenreid placed himself at risk to ensure this suspect was apprehended and was no longer a threat to the citizens of Missouri. Because of this act of valor, the Metropolitan Police and Sheriff's Association not only honored Sgt. DeGraffenreid with the Medal of Valor, but they also named him the Officer of the Year.

On August 1, 2011, Tpr. Guthrie was assigned to Missouri River flood detail in Holt County with his partner, K9 Reed. Tragically, both were swept away by swift-moving floodwaters on Missouri Highway 118. Tpr. Guthrie was a combined 17-year-veteran of the former Missouri State Water Patrol and the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Tpr. Guthrie is survived by his wife, Teresa, daughter, Amber, and

*Sgt. Mark D. DeGraffenreid, Troop A, accepts the Officer Of The Year Award from the Metropolitan Police and Sheriff's Association.*



*Major Bret Johnson, Q/FOB, stands with Mrs. Teresa Guthrie after the Metropolitan Police and Sheriff's Association honored Tpr. Frederick F. "Fred" Guthrie Jr. with a Medal of Valor Award.*

sons, Dylan and Cody. The Metropolitan Police and Sheriff's Association recognized Tpr. Guthrie's tremendous dedication and service to the citizens

of Missouri by awarding him the Medal of Valor posthumously. Mrs. Teresa Guthrie accepted the Medal of Valor Award on behalf of her husband.

## Troop A Holds Chili Cook Off

*By Sgt. William W. "Bill" Lowe, Troop A*

On a sunny, fall afternoon in November, four Troop A employees brought their "best" chili recipe to headquarters hoping to earn the right to be called Troop A chili champion in our First Ever Chili Cook Off. It is hoped this will become an annual event. Lieutenant Scott A. Shipers, Chief Commercial Vehicle Officer James E. "Jimmy" VanZandt, Housekeeper I Teresa L. Darrah, and Auto. Tech. III Sean D. Jacobs each were poised to take home the crown. Three judges brought their appetites and keen tastebuds to find which pot contained the best chili in West Central Missouri. When all was said and done, Chief Jimmy VanZandt took home the crown of Troop A chili champion. Congratulations to Jimmy "V", and to the rest, as the saying goes: Better luck next year.

*The four competitors enjoyed Troop A's First Ever Chili Cook Off. From left to right, they are: Lt. Scott Shipers, Housekeeper Teresa Darrah, Chief CVO Jimmy VanZandt, and Auto. Tech. III Sean Jacobs.*





# Patrol Recognizes State Park Marina Employees

*By Sgt. Jason M. Pace, Troop D*

A year has passed since the heroic rescue of passengers from the Showboat Branson Belle, but the efforts of many will never be forgotten. On December 11, 2010, over 600 people boarded the Showboat Branson Belle for a dinner cruise, but what they got was quite an experience. The showboat lost power and the weather took a turn for the worse. Strong gusts of wind pushed the Branson Belle into a rocky peninsula, about 70 feet from the shore, and the temperatures dipped to the 20-degree mark. As the 50 mph winds were threatening a breach of the boat's hull, the situation demanded immediate attention.

Responding agencies had to determine how to remove the large number of people from the boat safely, and do so across the frigid water, avoiding the threat of injury or death. With the assistance and expertise of the employees from the State Park Marina, a decision was made to bulldoze a path from the shoreline to the boat, and utilize the marina's 40-foot catwalk. For the next several hours, through the challenging elements, the marina staff worked to create a path across the lake to the showboat, which eventually allowed for the safe removal of all of the passengers.

Recently, Capt. Gary Haupt, Q/WPD and now retired, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the State Park Marina employees. The State Park Marina employees gave unselfishly of themselves and their resources to help rescue the passengers of the Showboat Branson Belle. Without



*The State Park Marina employees are pictured with Capt. Gary Haupt, Q/WPD and now retired. They include: (l to r) Mr. J.R. Bradford, Mr. Jeremy Warren, [Capt. Haupt], Mr. Dick Dalager, Mr. Patrick Cox (owner), Mr. Mitch Schupp, and Mr. Roger Carpenter.*

their efforts, this situation could have taken a turn for the worse.

Marina employees joined the Patrol, the Western Taney County Fire Protection District, Southern Stone

County Fire Protection District, St. Johns EMS, and Silver Dollar City EMS to provide a safe rescue. Everyone worked closely to prevent serious injuries and rescue passengers from a dangerous situation.

The assistance of each of these agencies and the State Park Marina employees was greatly appreciated.



*Representatives from several agencies, along with many volunteers, worked through the night to create a path to the Showboat Branson Belle.*



*"Rescue" personnel prepare for passengers to disembark the Showboat Branson Belle after a long, cold night.*

# Retirements

## Chief Comm. Tech. Michael A. “Mike” Thayer



On July 1, 2011, Chief Communications Technician Michael A. “Mike” Thayer, Q/CommD, retired after 32 years and 10 months of service with the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

Mike started his career with the Patrol at Troop A Headquarters on September 1, 1978, as a radio operator. In 1985, he moved to Jefferson City to fill the tower maintenance position at the Radio Shop. For 10 years, Mike climbed towers and shared his expertise with our communications centers around the state. He also worked installing mobile radios in patrol cars, and performing electronic radio testing in the shop’s screen rooms. In 1995, he moved to General Headquarters to provide Patrol telephone system support as well as maintenance and support of other communications systems. He remained in that position for more than 16 years until his retirement.

Before joining the Patrol, Mike worked part time at the Missouri Department of Conservation. He sold appliances and television sets, worked on radios and televisions at a repair shop, and at the local radio station in Carrollton, MO.

Mike and his wife, Lois, were married in 1990. Lois has two grown children from a previous marriage and

four grandchildren. Mike and Lois are active in the Community of Christ Church in Jefferson City. Mike is an avid HAM radio operator, serving on the board of the Association of Saints Church Radio Amateurs (ASCRA). He is a member of the Mid-Missouri Amateur Radio Club, where he is an instructor for club-sponsored amateur radio classes. His other hobbies include photography and other outdoor activities like camping.

Mike wasn’t retired for very long—he returned as a part-time employee in July 2011, to work on telephone and other upgrades to the Patrol’s communications systems. His future plans include continued part-time employment with us, camping, and traveling to amateur radio activities around the state.

Mike, thank you for your dedication to the Patrol. We wish you a long, healthy retirement.

## Comm. Oper. II Michael W. “Mike” Coy



On October 1, 2011, Communications Operator II Michael W. “Mike” Coy, Troop G, retired from the Missouri State Highway Patrol after more than 28 years of service.

Mike is a native of Potosi, MO, and a graduate of Potosi High School. Mike began his career with the Patrol

on May 23, 1983. His first assignment was as an office manager at the Troop C Satellite Office in Flat River, MO. Mike transferred to Troop G, Willow Springs, in June 1997, where he worked the radio console until his retirement.

Mike and his wife, Debbie, have three children (Darrin, Jason, and Andrea) and five grandchildren. Darrin and his wife, Mary, live in Strafford, with their three boys. Jason, and his wife, Brandy, reside in Springfield, MO, with one son. Daughter Andrea, of West Plains, also has a son. Additionally, Darrin and Mary are expecting their fourth child soon — also a boy. In case you weren’t counting, that will make six grandsons! Mike says that when they are all together he just sits back and observes the fun!

Mike says that he is really glad that he chose his Patrol career, saying, “I always enjoyed the job. It was never monotonous to me, because every day brought something a little different.” He says that he is also grateful that he never had to experience the loss of a trooper while actually working the console.

When asked about his plans for retirement, Mike says he doesn’t really have any, other than spending time with family, taking care of his property, and simply enjoying the ability to “do what I want, when I want. The best part of retirement is simply the freedom.”

Your Troop G family wishes you and Debbie the very best in retirement, Mike!

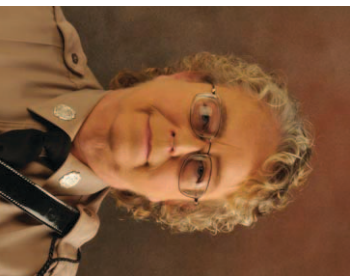
**“We are limited, not  
by our abilities, but  
by our vision.”**

**— Joel Barker**



# Retirements

## CVO II Tracy A. Hudson



Commercial Vehicle Officer II Tracy A. Hudson, Troop G, retired on October 1, 2011, bringing to a close a career with the Missouri State Highway Patrol that spanned more than 27 years.

Tracy is a native of Willow Springs, MO, where she attended Willow Springs Schools. Tracy started with the Patrol on July 16, 1984, as a housekeeper, at Troop G Headquarters. She became a commercial vehicle inspector in October 1989, and transferred to Troop E, Poplar Bluff, where she spent a little over a year before transferring to Troop D, Springfield. In 1992, Tracy transferred back to Troop G, where she became a commercial vehicle officer and finished her career.

Tracy is married to CVO II John D. Hudson, who retired February 1, 2010. She has two children: her daughter, Kim Brown, lives in Willow Springs, and son, Scott Moore, lives in Pomona, MO. Tracy also has three step-children: Christopher Hudson, who is stationed in Kansas with the U.S. Army, Craig Hudson, presently working as a civilian in Afghanistan, and Cheryl Porter, of Odessa, MO. John and Tracy also have nine grandchildren.

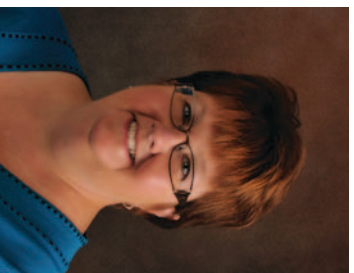
Over the course of her time with the Patrol, Tracy participated in nu-

merous special assignments, trainings, and truck checks.

About retirement, Tracy said that chasing those nine grandkids is enough to keep her very, very busy for the foreseeable future. She also indicated that she would like to do some traveling with John, now that he's retired.

All of us at Troop G wish you the best in retirement, Tracy!

## Crim. Hist. Tech. II Julie A. Layman



On November 1, 2011, after more than 14 1/2 years of dedicated service, Criminal History Technician II Julie A. Layman, Q/CJISD, retired as an employee of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Prior to her appointment at the Highway Patrol, she was employed with Department of Revenue for 16 years. Julie also worked at Missouri Army National Guard for one year.

Julie started as a Data Entry Operator III on June 1, 1997. On August 24, 2003, she became a Criminal History Technician I. Then, on December 18, 2005, she was promoted to Criminal History Technician II.

Julie has two children: Drew and Abby. Julie and her husband, Scott, reside in New Bloomfield, MO.

Julie is looking forward to traveling to see her brother, Harlan, in Texas, and her sister, Jamie, in Indiana. She will continue working on

her jewelry business, JEWELS AND BEADS. Julie is looking forward to enjoying life, and coming and going as she pleases.

She advised that the one thing she will miss is her co-workers. They are like family.

Julie, we wish you a long, healthy retirement!

## UCR/NIBRS Analyst Melita L. Sloan



UCR/NIBRS Analyst Melita L. Sloan, Q/CJISD, retired from the Missouri State Highway Patrol on November 1, 2011, after almost 37 years of dedicated service. She began her career on December 9, 1974, as a Clerk I in the Motor Vehicle Theft and Information Unit within the Criminal Records Division. In 1974, the Criminal Records Division was located where the Safety Education Center is today.

There, she was promoted to Clerk II on July 1, 1975, and to a Clerk III on January 1, 1978. In 1979, Melita moved with the Motor Vehicle Theft and Information Unit to the first floor of the Annex Building where AFTS is located currently. On June 1, 1983, Melita was promoted to Quality Control Clerk I, and her position was transferred to the Information Systems Division within the Quality Control and Security Unit.

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# Retirements

## — Sloan

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On March 1, 1990, she was promoted to Quality Control Clerk II. In January 2003, the Quality Control and Security Unit was transferred from ISD to the Criminal Records and Identification Division's Access Integrity Unit. On June 1, 2001, Melita was promoted to Information Analyst II, and then to UCR NIBRS analyst on February 11, 2007.

Melita played an important role in the formation of what is now called the Access Integrity Unit in The Criminal Justice Information Services Division. She started her career in the Wagoner Building prior to moving to the "new" Annex Building in 1979. Not many people working at the Patrol today can say that. Her longevity and dedication to the Patrol run deep. Melita worked with the Patrol's first security system (known as SP10), log scan investigations, NCIC TOUs, statistics, off-line searches, and the list goes on and on. Everyone familiar with MULES knows Melita as the "stolen vehicle lady".

She has quality controlled stolen vehicles almost her whole career. Her work ensuring that all the proper information regarding a stolen vehicle is entered accurately has improved officer safety. Assistant Director Timothy R. "Tim" Schlueter, Q/CJISD, said that having worked with Melita for most of her career at the Patrol, he can attest that everyone knows her as a "go-to person" if you want to get a job done right. She will be missed by her fellow workers, as well as by all the law enforcement and criminal justice agencies she has worked with so closely throughout the years.

Melita was born in Carmi, IL. She graduated from Carmi Community High School in 1973, and married Kenneth Sloan on October 8, 1977. They have one daughter, Rachel, who is a senior at Northwest Missouri

State University in Maryville. In her free time, she enjoys traveling, reading, photography, music, movies, and spending time with her family.

Melita, we wish you a long, healthy retirement!

## Clerk IV Radonna K. Bender



On January 1, 2012, Clerk IV Radonna K. Bender, Q/ICTD, retired from the Missouri State Highway Patrol after more than 15 years of dedicated service. Radonna began her career at General Headquarters in the Motor Vehicle Inspection Division on August 15, 1996. In April 1999, she moved to the Communications Division where she worked for more than four years before moving to Commercial Vehicle Enforcement (CVE) in July 2003. After only a few months in CVE,

Radonna returned to the Communications Division in December 2003, where she remained until the recent merger and creation of the Information and Communications Technology Division.

Radonna is a native of Texas. She has worked as a secretary for many years in both her home state and Arkansas. She moved to Missouri in 1996. She has been a member of the Jefferson City First Assembly of God Church for 15 years. Radonna is a very active lady enjoying painting, dancing, pottery making, cooking, sewing, knitting, crochet, and many other hobbies. She has volunteered for several regional Special Olympics competitions monitoring track and T-ball, and passing out awards to the athletes. She has also attended state level games and served as the Special Olympics representative for her division.

Radonna and her husband, Leon, will celebrate 30 years of marriage in 2012. Their son, Mark, and daughter-in-law, Peggy, along with granddaughter, Evelyn, live in the St Louis area. The Benders plan to move there shortly to be closer to them. They may eventually become snowbirds, living part of the year in the Padre Islands area of Texas' Gulf Coast. The employees here at GHQ join the many operators and technicians from around the state that have come to rely on her administrative experience in wishing Radonna health and happiness for many years to come.

## Retiree Extends Invitation

Retired Sergeant E. Dean Green would like to invite his Patrol family over for a visit. He lives in Hawaii, and said his door is always open to Patrol employees who vacation there. Dean lives in Honolulu, and is a willing tour guide. In February, he welcomed "four troopers and their ladies". Dean enjoys the weather, as well as his new friends in Hawaii. He's part of a singing group and has had small acting gigs with TV shows like "Lost" and "Hawaii Five-O" to keep him busy. MSHP employees/retirees who happen to be traveling to Hawaii should look him up. He's in the personnel directory.



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# *Congratulations On Your Retirement!*

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**Patricia L. Trimble**  
Staff Inspector  
Q/RDD

*Retired May 1, 2011.  
33 years, six months of dedicated  
service.*



**Daniel S. Renick**  
Building & Grounds  
Maintenance II  
Troop F

*Retired August 1, 2011.  
Seven years, four months of  
dedicated service.*

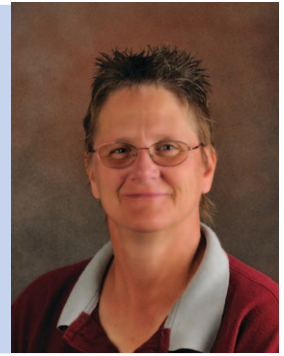
**Kevin W. Levart**  
CVO II  
Troop C

*Retired December 1, 2011.  
28 years, five months of dedicated  
service.*



**Tresha McBaine**  
Duplicating Equipment  
Operator Supervisor  
Q/BPD

*Retired December 1, 2011.  
26 years, eight months of dedicated  
service.*



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## **Missouri Remembers DWI Victims**

*By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED*

The Missouri State Highway Patrol joined a special gathering of victims, families, friends, safety groups, and state leaders to remember those affected by impaired drivers. This memorial event took place November 29, 2011, in the Capitol rotunda. It served as an opportunity to remember those who have been killed or injured in impaired driving crashes. It also reminds everyone of the importance of driving sober.

Colonel Ronald K. "Ron" Replogle, Q/Staff, spoke at the event. He encouraged everyone to drive with the highest degree of care, and stressed the importance of planning for alternate transportation or a designated driver when celebrations include alcohol.

While fatalities in Missouri have steadily decreased since 2005, the number of fatal crashes attributed to impaired driving has remained steady. In 2010, a total of 821 people died in Missouri in traffic crashes. Of those, 218 people were killed in crashes where drinking involvement was a significant contributing factor.

The Missouri Remembers event takes place annually and is open to the public.



*Col. Ron Replogle addresses those present at the Missouri Remembers memorial event.*

# Looking Back

## ... in the Patrol News

### 45 years ago

*January 1967* — A picture on the front cover showed Tpr. J.N. Taylor, Troop D, accepting a Citation of Merit from Governor Warren E. Hearnes. Tpr. Taylor was recognized for his part in the apprehension of three armed men who held up the Bank of Fordland.

### 35 years ago

*February 1977* — Articles announced both the retirement of Col. Sam S. Smith and the appointment of Col. Al Lubker. The centerfold showed photos from the 1977 gubernatorial detail.

### 25 years ago

*January 1987* — Tpr. R.F. Wolf, Troop C, arrived at a traffic crash on Missouri Highway 47 in Franklin County. A Union, MO, firefighter was on the scene and had called for an ambulance. By the time Tpr. Wolf arrived, the ambulance had left. The firefighter told him there was only one occupant, and that she was probably drunk. Tpr. Wolf then drove to the hospital and inquired about the traffic crash victim. Hospital personnel directed him to an examination room, where he found a middle-aged woman. She didn't appear injured, so Tpr. Wolf asked the woman why she'd been brought in an ambulance. The lady said, "I've got a broken heart."

### 15 years ago

*February 1997* — After a rest area attendant located a purse left in the ladies restroom, she called the Patrol. Tpr. Brad L. Spicer responded and took possession of the purse, which was found to have more than \$1,850 and numerous credit cards inside. Tpr. Spicer contacted the owner, who lived in Texas, and made arrangements to return the purse. About a month later, the purse owner sent a money order for \$400 made out to the rest area attendant and asked that Tpr. Spicer deliver it. Tpr. Spicer arranged for a Highway Patrol Certificate of Appreciation, also. He presented both at a press conference at the tourist center.

### 5 years ago

*January/February 2007* — The Department of Public Safety named Tpr. Keith A. Kinsey, Q/GD, DPS Employee of the Month for November 2006. The story appeared in this issue, and explained that Tpr. Kinsey's investigative skills solved three cases in a month's time. The first case involved a methamphetamine laboratory in a casino hotel room. The second case included stolen money a subject was attempting to "launder" at the casino. The third investigation revealed a check cashing scam.

## Editor's Note

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed articles to the *Patrol News* this past year. Your articles made this an interesting publication. Please continue to submit stories this year!

Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED

## February

Feb. 8

- Tpr. R.W. Harper died in 1987.

Feb. 13

- Lincoln's birthday observed.

Feb. 14

- Valentine's Day

Feb. 16

- Cpl. H.C. Bruns died in 1987.

Feb. 16

- Sgt. R.A. Williams died in 2001.

Feb. 20

- Washington's birthday observed.

Feb. 21

- Tpr. G.W. Snodgrass died in 1970.



# Patrolling The Kitchen

## Spaghetti Supper, Toys Brighten Holidays

*By Sgt. Collin M. Stosberg, Troop A*

On Friday, December 16, 2011, Missouri and Kansas state troopers cooked a tasty spaghetti dinner for the temporary residents of the Ronald McDonald House in Kansas City, MO. Families stay at the house while their children undergo medical treatment in the KC area—sometimes for months at a time. Approximately 80 people enjoyed spaghetti that evening. The troopers, their families, and other Patrol employees helped with this event.

The spaghetti supper was an extension of the 9th Annual Trooper Michael Newton Toy Drive. It's the first year the group provided a meal in conjunction with delivering toys. Tpr. Newton's parents, Bobbie and Garry, and his son, Tyler, 13, were there and did a lot of the cooking. The volunteers also distributed the toys they'd collected during the toy drive to the kids in the house. It was a very heartwarming experience, and the Ronald McDonald House welcomed the extra effort. CEO Holly Buckendahl was very appreciative and impressed with the effort this year.

The group also delivers toys to children at Children's Mercy Hospital and the Kansas University Medical Center. This annual event is the result of the efforts of the Missouri State Highway Patrol Troop A, Kansas Highway Patrol, and Krispy Kreme Doughnuts. It was a great cause and a great way to remember our trooper, Michael L. Mike Newton, who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

*A sign greeted the group that arrived to cook and deliver toys. Pictured are: (l to r) Sgt. Collin Stosberg, Troop A, Marketing Mgr. Tim France, Krispy Kreme, and Tpr. Mitch Mellick, Kansas Highway Patrol.*



*Mrs. Bobbie Newton, Tyler Newton, and Mr. Garry Newton (retired building and grounds maintenance supervisor) helped with the toy drive and spaghetti supper that honored the memory of their son and dad. Also pictured is Sgt. R. Brooks McGinnis, Troop A.*

TRAFFIC FATALITIES				
Year To Date Feb. 29, 2012	Same Period Last Year Year To Date	Number Of Increase Or Decrease	2010 Traffic Fatalities	2011 Traffic Fatalities
111	84	+27	821	782

**Note: These totals do not include late deaths.**

# Blue Notes Give 'Command' Performance

By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED

This year's Blue Notes Choir added a special performance to their 2011 schedule. In addition to their eight shows at an adult daycare center, various nursing homes, and the GHQ Christmas lunch, they granted a special concert to the residents of The Terrace. This trip was in honor of

retired Colonel Howard J. Hoffman, under whose command the group was first formed as "Hoffman's Blue Notes" in 1983.

Retired Col. Hoffman and his neighbors were pleased to welcome them. In a thank you note, retired Col. Hoffman wrote, "Please pass on my sincerest thanks to all of the members

of the Blue Notes choir and to Ms. Pringer for being the accompanist. Capt. Perkins had all the "notes" down to perfection. I have had many compliments from the residents here; many saying this was the best entertainment that has ever been here. They sure made me proud."

It was wonderful to see you, retired Col. Hoffman!



The 2011 Blue Notes included: Capt. David P. Perkins, Q/TND; Info. Analyst I Faith A. Anderson, Q/GD; Special Assistant Theresa M. Backes, Q/HRD; Clerk IV Carla J. West, Q/MVI; CIT III Kellie L. Foster, Q/ICTD; retired Col. Howard J. Hoffman; Clerk Typist I Meghan D. Hauser, Q/MVI; Chief DE Cheryl S. Bardwell, Q/DE; Ms. Susan Pringer, accompanist; Col. Ronald Replogle, Q/Staff; (second row, l to r) CITS I Jeanne V. Livers, Q/ICTD; Chief Oper. Roger D. Martin, Q/ICTD; Cook Sprv. Richard L. Hagenhoff, Q/TND; Leasing/Contracts Coord. Lisa C. Luecke, Q/DE; Clerk IV Brenda L. Starke, Q/TFD; Fiscal & Budgetary Analyst III Donna F. Stovall, Q/BPD; (last row, l to r) Section Director Roger D. Strope, Q/ICTD; CITS II Arthur T. "Art" Wilkins, Q/ICTD; Assistant Director J. William "Bill" Watkins, Q/MVI; and CITS II Mathew E. "Matt" Hodgen, Q/ICTD.

## Troop E Honors Steve Eddy

Captain George E. Ridens, Troop E, presented an Honorary Trooper certificate to Mr. Steve E. Eddy, of Poplar Bluff, MO, at a ceremony on January 17, 2012, at Troop E headquarters. The honor recognizes Mr. Eddy's bravery while assisting a member of the Missouri State Highway Patrol effect an arrest on an armed and combative subject.

On December 15, 2011, a trooper made a traffic stop on County Road 601. The driver of the vehicle became combative and began to resist the trooper. Mr. Eddy, who lives near the location of the traffic stop, offered his assistance to help subdue the subject. After placing the man in handcuffs, a loaded firearm was located on the ground where the driver had been resisting.

"Mr. Eddy is deserving of the Honorary Trooper certificate due to his exemplary actions," said Capt. Ridens. "Unknowingly, Mr. Eddy upheld the Missouri State Highway Patrol's motto of 'service and protection'."



Cpl. Michael Slaughter, Troop E, Mr. Steve Eddy, and Capt. George Ridens pause for a photo after the Honorary Trooper presentation at Troop E.



# Deaths

## Robin D. "Duck" Jones



Robin D. "Duck" Jones, 59, of Park Hills, MO, died on Saturday, October 29, 2011. He was born May 27, 1952, in Bonne Terre, MO. He worked for the Missouri State Highway Patrol as a driver examiner in Troop C, St. Louis, from June 30, 1973, until he retired on December 31, 2002.

Robin is survived by parents, Donald and Marcia (Rowland) Jones, and one brother, Richard Jones (and his wife, Alicia).

Services took place on November 1, 2011, at C.Z. Boyer and Son Chapel, in Desloge, MO, with Chaplain Steve Stillman officiating. Memorials can be made to the American Cancer Society.

*The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Jones family.*

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## Edward J. Jaegers



Edward J. Jaegers, 82, of Linn, MO, died on Monday, November 21, 2011, at Autumn Meadows Skilled Nursing Facility.

Ed was born January 3, 1929, in Bonnots Mill, MO, a son to the late Pete and Bertha (Hubert) Jaegers.

Ed was a lifelong area resident and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict.

Ed worked for the Missouri State Highway Patrol from 1973, until he retired as a maintenance supervisor in 1994. Ed was a member of St. George Catholic Church and enjoyed working on cars.

Ed is survived by: two sons, Terry Jaegers (and his wife, Mathilda), of Russellville, and Jack Jaegers, of Linn; one brother, Ray (and his wife, Leona), of Linn; one sister, Delma Perrot, of Arkansas; six grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; as well as many nieces, nephews, and friends.

In addition to his parents, Ed was preceded in death by his stepmother, Regina Jaegers, four sisters, and two brothers.

In keeping with Ed's wishes, private services were held.

*The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Jaegers family.*

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## Clifford A. Sassenrath Jr.



Clifford A. Sassenrath Jr., 85, of St. Peters, MO, died on Saturday, December 3, 2011. He was the loving husband of the late Celeste T. Sassenrath (née Gruenloh), and the beloved son of the late Clifford A. and Dorothy Sassenrath. Clifford was a devoted father of Marie, Dorothy, Sharon, Timothy, Clifford III, and Sylvia.

A veteran of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam, Clifford retired from the U.S. Air Force after 24 years of service. He then worked for the Missouri Highway State Patrol for 15 years as a commercial vehicle enforcement inspector. Assigned to Troop C, he worked in Weldon Springs and St. Peters, as well as from a portable scale van.

Clifford was a member of Assumption of the B.V.M. Catholic Church, in O'Fallon, MO; the Knights of Columbus Council #2341, in Warrenton, MO; and was a lifetime member of VFW Post #2866, in St. Charles, MO.

Clifford is survived by his children: Marie Johns (and her husband, Jerry), Dorothy Zigler (and her husband, Terry), Sharon Sassenrath, Timothy Sassenrath (and his wife, Linda), Clifford Sassenrath III, and Sylvia Aubuchon; 15 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; a brother, Kenneth Sassenrath (and his wife, Marion); and a sister-in-law, Sylvia Gittemeier. He

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## COPS

Concerns Of Police Survivors Inc. announced the dates for this year's National Police Week. This time of remembrance and support will take place May 13 through May 19, 2012, in Washington, D.C.

# Deaths

## — Sassenrath

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was preceded in death by two sisters: Dorothy E. Bohning and Juanita Kunderer; a brother, Robert Sassenrath; and a grandson, Mark Johns.

Memorial donations may be made to Sisters of St. Joseph.

*The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Sassenrath family.*

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## Raymond D. Lewis

Raymond Donald Lewis, 84, of St. Joseph, died on Wednesday, December 7, 2011, at Heartland Regional Medical Center.

He was born on February 4, 1927, in St. Joseph, to the late Robert and Anna (Beauchamp) Lewis. Raymond married Shirley Parmenter on June 23, 1957, at the First Christian Church, in St. Joseph.

He worked as a commercial vehicle enforcement inspector with the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Raymond also was a grain inspector for the state of Missouri.

Survivors include: his wife, Shirley Lewis; three daughters: Linda Kerns (and her husband, Fred), of St. Joseph, Tegwin Peterson (and her husband, Larry), of Clarksdale, MO, and Nancy Ingram (and her husband, Warren), of St. Joseph; two grandchildren: Daniel Ingram (and his wife, Julie Birnstein), Sherman Oaks, CA, and Nicholas Ingram, of St. Joseph; a sister-in-law, Mary Parmenter; a brother-in-law, Doyle Parmenter; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Robert B. Lewis; and his aunt and uncle, Hugh and Eva Lewis.

A celebration of Raymond's life took place on Friday, December 9, at

Gladden-Stamey Funeral Home, in St. Joseph. Memorial donations are suggested to American Heart Association or First Christian Church Disciples Of Christ in St. Joseph.

*The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Lewis family.*

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## Ralph S. Sweaney



Mr. Ralph Sammie Sweaney, 85, of Jefferson City, MO, died on Friday, December 16, 2011, at the Oak Tree Villa Nursing Center. Ralph was born October 3, 1926, in Jefferson City, the son of Ralph and Semelia E. Garner Sweaney. He was married on March 9, 1947, in Jefferson City, to Jessie I. Maddox, who preceded him in death on September 4, 1999.

A lifelong resident of the Jefferson City area, Ralph graduated from Jefferson City High School. He served in both the United States Army and the United States Navy. Ralph was employed with the Missouri State Highway Patrol from 1952 until his retirement as chief telecommunications engineer in 1987. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Roy Sone Post 1003.

Survivors include: two daughters, Linda Morris (and her husband, Dale) and Sammie Kirchner (and her husband, Roger), all of Jefferson City; two

sons, Michael Sweaney (and his wife, Marla), of Oklahoma City, OK, and Rusty Sweaney (and his wife, Tami), of Jefferson City; one brother, Gary Sweaney, of St. Louis, MO; nine grandchildren, Kimberly Cash (and her husband, Bob), Della Morris, Tabitha Morris, Jim Morris, Danelle Stockman (and her husband, Bill), Kevin Kirchner (and his wife, Cassie), Andy Kirchner, Brad Sweaney (and his wife, Jessica), and Brooke Sweaney; and nine great-grandchildren, Steven Cash, Sydney Cash, Samantha Fleetwood, Abigail Fleetwood, Alexander Werdehausen, Isaac Gianoli, Paige Stockman, Taylor Stockman, and Brody Stockman.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, and one sister, Betty Ann Sweaney.

Graveside services were conducted on Monday, December 19, 2011, at Hawthorn Memorial Gardens with the Reverend Ken Harland officiating. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Freeman Mortuary.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Capital West Christian Church.

*The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Sweaney family.*

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## March

**Mar. 2**



**Mar. 11**



**Mar. 20**



**Tpr. J.M. Froemsdorf** died in 1985.

**Central Daylight Time** begins at 2 a.m.

**Sgt. C.D. Graham** died in 2005.



# Deaths

## James A. Knipmeyer



On Thursday, December 22, 2011, retired Sergeant James A. Knipmeyer, 66, died at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, IL, following a lengthy illness.

Born on March 4, 1945, in St. Charles, MO, Jim was a son of Merrill W. and Vernabelle M. Smith Knipmeyer. He married Marjorie L. Fisher on June 4, 1966, in Frankford, MO. She survives.

Jim was raised in St. Louis, MO, and later moved to Camp Point, IL, where he graduated from Central High School. Jim attended Truman State University (formerly Northeast Missouri State University) in Kirksville, MO, and later graduated from the Gem City College in Quincy, IL, after studying business administration.

Jim was appointed to the Patrol on June 1, 1969, and graduated from the Patrol Academy in Rolla, MO. Following graduation, he was assigned to Troop B, Macon and Shelby counties, and resided in Shelbina, MO. On March 1, 1986, he was promoted to corporal, designated the assistant zone commander of the Knox/Lewis counties zone, and lived in Canton, MO. On June 1, 1989, he was promoted to sergeant and became the zone commander of the Linn/Chariton counties zone, and he resided in Brookfield, MO. It was from this capacity he retired from the Patrol.

During his career with the Patrol, he was assigned to many special

details, including the John Brown manhunt, Alis Ben Johns manhunt, University of Missouri football detail, Missouri State Fair, and the Times Beach detail. Jim also assisted with the Patrol's accreditation process by serving a two-month internship at General Headquarters. During his career he attended several schools, including management development and executive development.

Jim retired from the Patrol on June 1, 1999, after 30 years of service. After retirement, he and his wife, Marjorie, moved to Quincy. Jim enjoyed working in his yard, camping and float trips on the Current River, traveling, and cars.

Jim was a member of the Melrose Chapel United Methodist Church, Craft Masonic Lodge No.100, Quincy Shrine Club, Ansar Shrine Temple (Springfield, IL), and The MASTERS, a nonprofit organization that assists surviving family members of Missouri State Highway Patrol troopers killed in the line of duty.

Survivors include his wife, Marjorie; a daughter, Jill Williams (and her husband, Phil), of Brentwood, TN; a son, Jeff Knipmeyer (and Todd Reynolds), of Chicago; three grandchildren, Clayton Williams, Drew Williams, and Hannah Williams; an uncle, Lee Knipmeyer (and his wife, Lu), of Quincy; two aunts, Mary Knipmeyer, of Pittsfield, and Janet Zumwalt, of Montgomery City, MO; a niece, Courtney; a nephew, John; and several cousins.

Mr. Knipmeyer was preceded in death by his parents and a brother-in-law, William Fisher.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, December 28, 2011, at the Melrose Chapel United Methodist Church in Quincy, IL, and burial was at the Shelbina Cemetery in Shelbina, MO. The family suggests memorials to The MASTERS or Shriner's Hospitals for Children. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Zehender Robinson Stormer Cookson Funeral Home.

*The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Knipmeyer family.*

*(Reprinted with permission from the Quincy Herald-Whig, Quincy, IL, with excerpts from the June 1999 Patrol News.)*

## Patrick C. Baird



Law enforcement officers across the area mourn the loss of Patrick Baird, retired captain of the Missouri State Highway Patrol Troop E, who died Wednesday afternoon, December 28, 2011, while walking at McLane Park.

Baird exercised almost daily by walking 30 to 45 minutes, said Highway Patrol Capt. George Ridens. Several people saw Baird and waved at him as he walked the trail. The next time they saw him he was down in the parking lot. Citizens performed CPR until the Poplar Bluff Police Department and emergency medical services personnel arrived. They continued lifesaving efforts while he was taken to the hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

"I was promoted to lieutenant in October 1997," said Capt. Ridens, "right after Captain Baird was promoted to captain. I took his place. I don't think I could have worked for a better captain."

Capt. Ridens said Capt. Baird helped him learn the Patrol's staff procedure, roles, and responsibilities.

Capt. Baird was the commanding officer for Troop E from October 1997 to August 2003.

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# Deaths

## — Baird

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Former Troop E commander, Major Don Shelton, said, “I have known Pat for several years; well over 15 years. He worked for me. He was a good lieutenant. He was a good family man and very devoted.”

Describing Baird’s death as a “tragic loss”, Major Shelton said he was a “good friend and a good all-around person.” Shelton said Baird and his wife, Janet, did everything together.

Patrol Lieutenant Larry W. Plunkett Jr. said, “The Patrol family lost a special member. Capt. Baird was not only an outstanding troop commander, he was an exceptional friend and mentor to those who had the privilege to know him.”

Plunkett Jr. continued, “Despite rising to the rank of captain, P.C. never lost sight of what’s really important about our job—the people we serve and the men and women who make the Patrol such a great organization. That said, I think the most important tribute I can offer Capt. Baird is the fact that his officers considered him a ‘road trooper’s kind of captain’. I think he would take more pride in that than anything. I hope he knew that’s just how we feel.”

Retired Patrol Lieutenant R. Brent Davis said, “Pat Baird was one of the finest people I have ever worked with or for. He was a great captain who deeply cared about the men that worked for him. He took great pains to get to know each and every person under his command and their families. He was a good friend and he will be deeply missed by all those who knew him well.”

Larry Plunkett Sr., who retired from the Patrol as a sergeant and is a former Wayne County sheriff, said, “Pat was one of the finest troop commanders I worked under.” Describing Baird as “a true gentleman”, Plunkett Sr. said he became friends with every-

one who worked with him “because we respected him.”

Once Plunkett Sr. was elected Wayne County sheriff, he continued working with Baird. “He worked well with everyone.” Plunkett Sr. added, it “made me really sad to hear he died. He will be greatly missed.”

Poplar Bluff Police Chief Danny H. Whiteley recalls, “Capt. Baird was such a nice guy, and the ultimate law enforcement professional. He did his job, but the citizens he came into contact with, whether a victim or a suspect, felt like they had been treated fairly and professionally. He was a good friend and I will miss him.”

Butler County Sheriff Mark Dobbs said, “I remember him best from when he was commander over Troop E. He always was very professional and very good to work with. He seemed like a very good man.”

In his retirement story printed in the Daily American Republic newspaper in August 2003, Capt. Baird explained he came from a law enforcement family. His father was a police officer and both his older and younger brothers also served on the Patrol. His brother, Mike, served on the Patrol for five years, while his brother, Rick, served his entire career with the Patrol in Southwest Missouri.

Capt. Baird was a student at Missouri Southern State when he applied and was accepted at the Patrol Academy. He began his career in Troop A’s Cass County at Harrisonville, MO, after he graduated from the Patrol’s six-month Academy.

He then worked the interstate in downtown Kansas City, MO, and became a zone sergeant in Henry County, in Clinton, MO. He came to Poplar Bluff in 1987, as a lieutenant.

Capt. Baird said it was “very rewarding” to him to be promoted to lieutenant and then captain at Troop E. “I couldn’t have a better family around me than the personnel of Troop E. I couldn’t have a better bunch of people to work with. ... I’ve got the best staff on the Highway Patrol of any troop.”

“I’ve always felt that being fair and honest was the key,” said Capt. Baird, who described it as stressful “when you are sitting in this chair”.

Working the 13 counties of Troop E are “all these officers,” Baird explained. With the changing world, he said he worries about the safety of each one. “Every time I talk to each one of these officers ... my last comment to them is to be careful, because I don’t want anything to happen to them,” Baird explained. “...That’s my big concern — officer safety.”

On Aug. 26, 1995, he married Janet Wilson Walker in Clinton, MO. Mrs. Baird survives of the home.

Other survivors include five children: Matthew Baird, Patrick Baird, and Bill Baird, all of Kansas City, MO; Kit Walker (and his wife, Lorie), of Nashville, TN, and Jason Walker (and his wife, Anna), of Virginia Beach, VA; 10 grandchildren; and three brothers, Rick Baird (and his wife, Glenda), of Carthage, MO, Mike Baird (and his wife, Connie) of Carl Junction, MO, and Brad Baird (and his wife, Tracie), also of Carthage.

A memorial service was held on Monday, January 2, 2012, at Cotrell Funeral Chapel in Poplar Bluff. The Missouri Army Honors Team folded and presented the American flag, and members of the Missouri State Highway Patrol followed with full honors. Bagpipe music concluded the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to “THE MASTERS” (Missouri Association of State Troopers Emergency Relief Society), 5287 Hwy 67 N., Poplar Bluff, MO 63901.

*The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Baird family.*

*(Written by Daily American Republic News Editor Barbara Ann Horton; Information for article provided by DAR Associate Editor Michelle Friedrich. Reprinted with permission.)*



# ~ Thank You ~

The Highway Patrol has been extremely supportive of Bailee and our family throughout this difficult time. Everyone's kindness and support resonates the integrity and steadfastness of the Highway Patrol. Again, thank you for your support from our family to yours.

*Terry and Bailee Ivie,  
Drew Mohnen, and  
Tylane Garrett*

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My family and I would like to thank everyone for the many prayers, phone calls, cards, and to all those that attended the services for my wife, Elmira, after our loss in October. She was a "trooper's wife" for many years, and your response to her memory exhibited again that we are all members

of a "family" that my family is very proud of. Thank you each and every one for all you did during this difficult time for us.

*Ret. Col. Howard Hoffman*

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Patti and I would like to thank everyone in the Patrol family for the tremendous outpouring of support, expressions of sympathy, and prayers offered in the aftermath of the loss of Patti's brother, Corporal Donald M. "Don" Ivie. We especially wish to thank everyone in Troop G, the Troop D staff, and all those Troop D personnel who made sure that our family did not want for anything. The excellent, sacrificial manner with which you conducted yourselves was a wonderful example of the way the Patrol takes

care of its own. Don would have been so proud!

*God bless you all,  
Sgt. & Mrs. Martin K. "Marty"  
Elmore  
Troop G*

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My family and I want to thank everyone for the cards, flowers, thoughts, prayers, and support we received following the loss of our mother, Beulah Mae Krzoski, on December 20. My family was very impressed with the officers who attended. I feel very blessed to have so many caring, considerate friends at the Patrol.

*Admin. Office Support Asst. Susan  
K. Sickman  
Q/WPD*

## Sympathy

*Our deepest sympathy goes to the following personnel who have lost a member of their family:*

Stenographer III Vickie L. Kanatzar (H) - brother  
Sgt. George W. Hamilton (Q/GD) - wife  
Cpl. Robert E. Hoehn (C) - father-in-law  
Tpr. James C. Acree (H) - grandfather  
Ret. Tpr. James L. Stowe - mother  
Sgt. Thomas R. Rohn (B) - mother  
CVO II Robert L. Morgan (D) - mother  
Sgt. Richard C. Fletcher (A) - grandfather  
Sgt. David D. Spurgeon (F) - father-in-law  
Cpl. Clinton M. Duppong (B) - grandfather  
DE Chief Rebecca A. Kleffner (I) - grandfather

Ret. Chief Telecom. Eng. Richard W. King - mother  
Ret. Lt. R. Brent Davis - mother  
Juv. & Miss. Pers. Liaison Heather J. Elder (Q/DDCC) - grandfather  
Capt. Lester D. Elder (Q/DE) - grandfather-in-law  
Sgt. Kevin G. Haywood (Q/AD) - brother  
DE III Jeremy M. Calfee (H) - grandmother  
Admin. Ofc. Support Asst. Sherry L. Carter (C) - brother  
Clerk IV Kathy A. Easter (C) - brother  
Sgt. Steven J. Childers (I) - father-in-law  
Ret. R&T Tech. 1st Class Donald E. Hodo - stepgrandmother

Tpr. Bryan S. Silverthorn (I) - step great-grandmother  
CVO II Darin A. Jones (D) - father, stepgrandmother  
Clerk Typist III Kathelyn A. Shelledy (D) - mother  
Housekeeper III Paula K. Forshee (D) - mother  
Ret. Sgt. Larry Bodenhamer - sister  
Lt. D. Scott Sater (D) - mother  
Admin. Ofc. Support Asst. Susan K. Sickman (Q/WPD) - mother  
DE III Shelly L. Wilson-Lagermann (E) - grandmother  
DE III Karen M. Cade (C) - mother  
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7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**Truman State Park Marina, Truman Lake, Warsaw, MO**

(On Missouri Route UU North From Missouri Highway 7)

**Biggest Crappie Contest** — Winner awarded \$150 and trophy.

**ENTRY FEE** — \$70 PER BOAT ENTRY (Your entry fee of \$70 includes Biggest Crappie Contest.) Limit: Two Fishermen Per Boat. Tournament is open to all fishermen, as long as at least one team member in the boat is employed by a criminal justice agency in any capacity (includes retirees and active reserve members).

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